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M. L. ORIENTAL	5281	J. F. Jephson	27th ,,
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M. L. CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	10th ,,
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	17th ,,
M. L. ARABIA	7901	J. L. Parfitt	24th ,,
* PENINSULAR	5287	W. Wheler	3rd Mar.
M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	10th ,,
* EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	17th ,,
M. L. PENINSULAR	5287	W. Wheler	24th ,,
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* SHANNON	4362	J. Chellew	14th ,,
M. L. CHINA	7899	T. S. Angus	21st ,,
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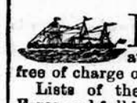

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Meet, Bombay Hunt, Santa Cruz.
Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m.
B. V. R. Cycling Club's Sports on the Oval.
University Examination Result, School Final.
Novelty Theatre, Taylor-Carrington Company.

POLO.—There will be no polo this afternoon.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Trentham Hall left the dock on Tuesday.

MANOCKJEE NUSSERWANJEE PETIT'S DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the last month was 4,644, the daily average attendance being 149. The total of new patients was 659.

ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDLING HOME, MAZAGON.—The net proceeds, amounting to Rs. 188-9-2, of his concert at the Town Hall, on the 14th December last, was made over to the Sister in charge of the Home by Signor Serinzi.

VURJEEVANDASS MADOWDASS DISPENSARY.—During the month of December the total number of patients treated in this dispensary was 2,581, among them the number of new admissions was 737, being classified as follows:—Hindoos, 513; Mussulmans, 124; Parsees, 39; Christians, 42; and other classes, 19. The average daily attendance was 83.

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—We have received a copy of this Company's latest prospectus, issued as at 1st January, which contains many attractive features. The rates have been revised on the basis of the Company's experience and we notice that the Life Fund invested in Government Paper exceeds one and a half crores. Over ninety-four lakhs have been paid in claims, since the Company was founded in 1874.

BURNT TO DEATH.—At the J. J. Hospital, yesterday, Mr. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, regarding the death of Yessoo Govind, a mill-hand, aged forty years. Deceased resided at Dalisle Road. Since some time past Yessoo had been in bad health. On the 27th ultimo, he was seated near a sigree containing fire, warming himself, when he accidently upset the pan of live coals on his legs and feet, burning them seriously. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where he grew worse and died. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

A DISHONEST SERVANT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Murrae charged Salvadore Goutinho, a compounder in the employ of Dr. Gerson da Cunha, with stealing Rs. 1 belonging to his master. The evidence showed that on taking an account of the medicine sold by the accused during the present month, a deficit of Rs. was found. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment, and to pay a fine of Rs. 25.

HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS.—On the first of December last, there were 54 bullocks, 26 horses and 15 dogs at the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals at Parel. During the month of December 27 bullocks, 29 horses, and 16 dogs were admitted, and during the same month 31 bullocks, 30 horses, and 14 dogs were discharged from the Hospital. 2 cases among bullocks, 5 among horses and 8 among dogs proved fatal during the past month. The following animals were treated as out-patients during the month:—4 horses, 1 bullock, 1 cow, 2 shebuffaloes, 42 dogs, 1 monkey, 1 goose, 1 fowl, and 5 parrots.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Hossain Mahomed, a Mahomedan, was charged at the instance of Inspector Cordeiro, with stealing two wooden chairs, the value of Rs. 118, belonging to Syid Ali Syid Hussain, who resides at Nagdevi Street. On Tuesday morning complainant was standing at the window of his house, preparing to go out, when he noticed the accused pick up two wooden chairs from the verandah of the house and carry them on his head. Complainant followed the thief at some distance and then seized him. On being questioned, accused said that he purchased the chairs from a boy for ten annas, but he could not point out the boy. Accused pleaded guilty and admitted two previous convictions. He was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

ALLEGED THEFT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sandys-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Paterson charged Elizabeth David, a Madras Christian, with the theft of four annas belonging to one Malaisha Ramsing, a grocer, having his place of business at Chira Bazar. The case for the prosecution was that on the evening of the 8th instant, while Guradin Ramsaroop, a servant of Malaisha, was engaged in removing firewood from a cart into the shop, the accused came there and took out the money from the till of his master. The defence was that the case was a got-up one. On the evening in question one of the children of the accused happening to take away a piece of wood lying near the shop, Guradin went to her room, and struck her with a stick on the head. The woman bled from the wound and on a cry for a sepoy being raised a policeman came in. But it was alleged, the latter being a friend of the complainant caught hold of the accused by the hair and dragged her out of her room and otherwise maltreated her. The accused was discharged.

ROBBING A GRAIN MERCHANT.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday, Jivraj Khoorpal was charged before Mr. S. B. Spencer, with theft of currency notes, of the value of Rs. 3,300, the property of Jetha Maljee. Superintendent Grennan prosecuted on behalf of the police. The complainant stated that he was a grain merchant, having his place of business at Khaduk. On Monday last he collected some outstanding amounting to Rs. 3,862 from several firms, and having placed the money in a small canvas bag, put the bag in the cash box. At 8 p.m., that day he took out the bag and made up his account, and then placed it again in the cash box, which he locked up. He then went to the telegraph office on business and returned to his firm an hour after for the purpose of taking the bag of money home. Believing that his men had gone to his house, taking the key of the box with him, complainant suspected nothing, and went home. On Tuesday morning, a search was made for the key and failing to find it, a locksmith was called, and the box was opened. Complainant then examined the bag, and found currency notes, of the value of Rs. 3,300, had been missing, while the remaining notes were intact. A report was made to the police and about 10 o'clock that night, the accused, who is a brother of a bill-collector in the service of the complainant, was arrested. It appears the accused was allowed to sleep on the complainant's premises. He then produced the stolen notes from underneath some sacks of grain in the firm. Accused stated that he came to the firm shortly after the complainant had gone to the telegraph office and noticing the key in the cash-box, opened it, and abstracted the money. He also admitted having thrown the key away into a sweeper's gully. The case was remanded.

FATAL FIRE AT BYCULLA.—On Tuesday night a fire broke out in a range of cadjan sheds, situated at Downee, Byculla. The fire was first discovered in a room occupied by a carpet-driver, named Marootee Jotee. The nature of the shed materials being highly inflammable the flames extended with great rapidity and in a short time the entire range was in one big blaze. The Municipal fire-brigade stations were communicated with and the engines from Babulla Tank, Byculla, and Fort soon arrived on the spot. As the shed on fire was situated on the further end of the Downee, a long line of hose had to be attached and worked by the Babulla Tank steamer. The fire was put out in about half-an-hour after. The origin of the fire is believed to be due to some clothes that were left hanging over a naked kerosine oil lamp catching fire. The damage was estimated at Rs. 350. After the fire was out, a Hindoo lad, named Amboo Pandey, was found missing from one of the huts and on the "debris" being removed, his body was recovered. The body was charred beyond identification. Yesterday, Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an enquiry at the spot, regarding the death of the lad Amboo Pandoo. Evidence showed that on Tuesday night a Hindoo woman, named Babai, living in the same shed, awoke by hearing her child crying. She lighted an open kerosine lamp and placed it on a box, above which there were some clothes left hanging on a rope. While nursing her child she fell asleep. An hour after she was aroused by seeing her room in a blaze. She took her child in her hand, and running on to the road raised an alarm. The whole range of the sheds were in a short time in flames. The mother of the deceased carried her two childrens younger than the deceased, and went out, but was not able to observe the deceased who was burnt to death in the shed. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from burns.

PRIZE COMPETITION FOR PERSIAN ELOQUENCE.—Mr. K. M. Shroff, a Persian scholar, with the view of encouraging the study of this ancient sweet language, has offered a prize of a hundred rupees in cash for an extempore address to be delivered in that language by any candidate whose mother-tongue is not Persian, at a time and place to be hereafter notified, and who comes out first in the estimation of a committee to be named at the said meeting. There exists in Bombay the Anjuman-e-Elum-e-Farsi, a club or society for promoting the culture of the Persian language, and for affording facilities to young students to be able to hold conversation in an easy and facile style, and to deliver speeches in eloquent words. It is, however, to be regretted that this aim has not been fully attained; and Mr. Shroff has taken a new departure to fulfil the object with which the society was organized, and to impart a stimulus to the slumbering society. The candidates will be required to deliver an address within a stated number of minutes, and one who acquits himself creditably will be awarded the prize of a hundred rupees. There are several candidates who present themselves at the annual Matriculation Examinations and who choose Persian as their second language, and it remains to be seen how many of these come forward to compete for this much coveted prize. It is a well-known fact that young men, who having passed their tests in Persian at the Matric, neglect to keep up this study, chiefly owing to the absence of domestic adjuncts in that behalf. It is by steps like the one shortly to be inaugurated by Mr. K. M. Shroff that a lively interest in the ancient Persian language will be perpetrated. Mr. and Mrs. Shroff often hold conversation in their domestic circle in their old language, and the first-named gentleman is about to offer another prize of Rs. 100 for the best address in the French language to be competed for in a similar manner, for he himself has acquired a good ascendancy in that continental *lingua franca*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON WEDNESDAY, THE 10TH OF JANUARY, 1900.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calicut standard, reduced to the same temperature Mo and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shade with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing ratio of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Rate per hour.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	RAINFALL. Past 24 hours.	RAINFALL. Since 1st Nov. to date.	RAINFALL. Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	30·179	NW	1	69·6	37·2	49	...	0·00	—0·69
Sirsa	30·192	NW	4	70·2	37·1	46	...	0·00	—0·59
Delhi	30·119	NW	3	67·7	44·1	41	...	0·00	—0·68
Agra	30·139	NW	3	73·0	44·9	45	...	0·00	—0·34
Cawnpore	30·104	Calm		67·2	44·0	71	...	0·00	...
Allahabad	30·096	WSW	5	70·8	47·4	79	...	0·00	—0·74
Jhansi	30·155	WNW	3	68·2	40·2	79	...	0·00	—0·36
Jacobabad	30·206	NW	3	76·4	37·9	39	...	0·00	—0·83
Karachi	30·190	NE	7	79·4	51·7	37	...	0·18	—0·23
Jeypore	30·196	N	4	74·2	42·5	44	...	0·01	—0·43
Ajmere	30·227	ENE	2	73·4	41·8	43	...	0·00	—0·43
Deesa	30·131	ENE	11	79·5	42·0	26	...	0·00	—0·24
Ahmedabad	30·088	NE	3	82·1	57·6	26	...	0·00	...
Bhuj	30·151	NNW	5	78·3	51·5	54	...	...	—0·10
Jamnagar	30·112	NE	11	78·5	51·3	38	...	0·01	...
Rajkot	30·092	NNE	7	79·9	49·0	36	...	0·00	—0·40
Bhownagar									
Para	30·063	WSW	5	78·5	48·2	32	...	0·01	...
Veraval	30·03?	NNE	5	79·5	55·3	32	...	0·00	...
Neemuch	30·295	NE	10	76·0	50·1	34	...	0·00	—0·47
Indore	30·131	NE	4	?	47·1	42	...	0·00	—0·73
Saugor	30·158	NE	6	72·7	50·1	54	...	0·00	—1·51
Jaoulpore	30·097	NE	4	78·4	53·9	57	...	0·00	—1·20
Roshangabad	30·092	NE	1	75·7	54·8	60	...	0·00	—1·34
Khandwa	30·115	N	5	83·2	57·6	36	...	0·00	—1·08
Raipur	30·024	Calm	2	81·3	61·7	69	...	0·00	—0·90
Nagpur	30·062	NNE	2	83·3	65·1	71	...	0·00	—1·82
Amraoti	30·064	NNE	2	83·1	64·8	60	...	0·00	—1·64
Akola	30·050	Calm	5	85·5	60·4	38	...	0·00	—2·05
Surat	30·009	NE	4	78·0	54·0	35	...	0·00	—0·19
Malegaon	30·046	W	6	83·4	51·0	29	...	0·01	—1·14
Bombay	29·986	NNE	10	80·6	65·3	52	...	0·00	—0·88
Poona	30·042	WNW	9	82·1	57·4	62	...	0·00	—1·62
Ahmednagar	30·064	N	6	80·8	56·5	38	...	0·00	...
Aurangabad	30·057	ENE	12	83·3	59·2	32	...	0·00	...
Sholapur	29·992	NE	5	86·7	61·9	26	...	0·00	—1·76
Ratnagiri	29·966	Calm	5	83·9	68·4	69	...	0·00	—0·76
Belgaum	29·962	Calm	8	83·8	59·9	56	...	0·00	—2·39
Goa	29·969	N	8	83·5	69·4	79	...	0·00	...
Karwar	29·935	N	4	84·5	64·6	79	...	0·03	—2·76
Mangalore	29·950	Calm	2	84·8	73·4	70	...	0·03	—3·61
Calicut	29·931	ESE	6	85·7	73·5	79	...	0·11	—5·34
Cochin	29·934	N	...	87·5	74·2	86	...	3·27	—5·56
Bangalore	29·996	E	5	83·3	66·3	82	0·03	0·27	—3·97
Secunderabad	29·975	SE	6	91·1	67·5	77	...	0·00	—2·04
Masulipatam	29·991	ESE	5	83·0	73·1	72	...	0·00	—3·13
Bellary	29·936	Calm	4	92·2	69·7	54	...	0·15	—2·12
Cuddapah	29·971	ENE	6	93·1	74·3	77	...	0·45	—5·42
Madras	29·982	E	6	84·0	72·0	84	...	1·79	—16·97
Coimbatore	29·957	E	2	89·4	66·1	91	5·37	5·91	—0·89
Trichinopoly	29·990	NNW	3	88·5	74·1	88	...	1·75	—5·37
Negapatam	29·970	NNE	15	87·0	75·9	80	...	11·88	17·29
Colombo	29·927	ENE	6	90·0	71·0	93	2·01	12·99	—7·61
Aden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

In column "Wind, Rate per hour," L., Light, M., Moderate, F., Fresh, S., Strong, H., Heavy.

SUMMARY.

The pressure changes have been somewhat irregular and show a brisk to rapid rise in many places. Readings are highest in Rajputana, and lowest in Ceylon. Gradients are steep to slight.

Winds are very variable in direction, and the force has been moderate to light.

The maximum temperature is from 6° to 8° in excess of normal at Negapatam, Bellary and Secunderabad, and the minimum 5° to 11° in excess in Mysore and at Negapatam, Trichinopoly, Bellary, Masulipatam, Secunderabad, Akola, Amraoti, Nagpur, Raipur, Khandwa and Jubbulpore. The highest temperature in the shade was 93° at Cuddapah, and the lowest 37° at Jacobabad, Lahore and Sirsa.

Humidity changes are very irregular, and the skies are more or less cloudy in many places.

There has been an excessively heavy local fall of rain at Coimbatore (5·57") and a few drops have fallen at Bangalore and Colombo.

In Mysore and the Madras Presidency the weather is hot and local scattered rain appears probable.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India

THERMOMETER READINGS.

TUESDAY NIGHT.—JANUARY, 9.

10 p.m. ..... 73·4

WEDNESDAY.—JANUARY, 10.

6 a.m. ..... 57·2
10 a.m. ..... 72·3
2 p.m. ..... 78·6
4 p.m. ..... 78·6

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 9th January, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah.	inches 29·931
Temperature of the Air	degree 74·6
Wet Bulb Thermometer	66·2
Dew Point	61·7
Relative humidity of Air	0·645
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	7·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degree 80·6
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	65·8
General Direction of wind*	N, E, NNW, NW, NNW.
Movement of wind in 24

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 10.

THE following are yesterday's quotations from London :—

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	98 7-8—1-16.
3½ per cent. Government Paper	63 11-16 plus 1-16
French Rentes	99 3-4 " 1-4.
Sterling Loan	109 1-2 " 1-2.
3 month's sight discounts	4 1-8 per cent.—1-8.
6 do. do.	4 do. unchanged.
Paris Exchange on London	25 22 1-2—1-2,
Bar Silver	27 1-8 unchanged.
Silver in New York	59 1-8, "
Exchange on London in New York	4·87 5-8 "
Calcutta took in bills 6 lacs	1-4 3-32.
" " " T. T. 3	" 5-32

EXCHANGE opened firm with one seller of T. T. at 1-4 1-8 for cash, at which business was done. Quotations are, T. T. 3-32, Jan. D. D. 1-8, Jan. 3 month's sight credits 7-16, Jan. 3 month's sight credits 6 1-2 February. 3 months Francs 173.

GOVERNMENT PAPER opened at Rs. 95-2, ready, and 95-4 forward, closing 3-16th lower, owing to the tightening of the Money Market.

WHEAT.—Small business doing in a quiet market at unchanged prices.

SEEDS.—Home quotations are :—Yellow Guzerat Rape 41 1-4, December-January, Havre, business done steady. Cawnpore Rape 39 1-2, January-February, Dunkirk, business done steady. Brown Rape, 37 1-2, December-January, Dunkirk, business done steady. LINSEED.—47 3-4 nominal, December-January, Dunkirk, easer.

The market for Seeds generally is quiet but steady, and only a limited business has been put through.

FREIGHTS.—Market firm. The P. and O. Company are reported to have taken up a steamer at a rate which has not transpired but is believed to be 18s. The fixture of the steamer City of Lucknow is reported, but here again the terms are not known.

COTTON.—Liverpool closed steady, while Manchester was firm. Surats dull. Arrivals steady. Mid.-Uplands—

Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-March	Ap.-May	May.-June.
4·15	4·11	4·8	4·4	4·2

In New York the day's receipts at U. S. Ports were 32,000 bales. Exports to Great Britain 7,000 bales. Exports to France and Continent 13,000 bales. Mid.-Uplands 4 9-16 bales. Futures, April, 7·22. Futures, July, 7·28. The total day's sales in Liverpool were 8,000 bales. For Speculation Export 500 bales. Total day's Imports 5,000 bales.

Locally the market has been very steady and rates have advanced.

Europeans are enquirers for Bengals, while Japan has taken a little ready Cotton.

	Rs.
Good Broach is quoted	219
Fully good Bengals	184-185
Good Bhownagger	206

The Mills have taken for consumption :—

250 bales Khandwa	208
100 " Kompta	195

For Export nothing has been done.

The following were the day's receipts into Bombay :—

	Bales.
Khandeish	1,514
Barsee and Nuggur	152
Berar	1,196
Total Oomras	2,862
Hinganghat	204
Dhollera	365
Broach	162
Compta & Dharwar	122
Bengals	1,180
Sind	188
Persian	42
Total	5,135

Arrivals of Produce into Bombay yesterday were :—

Wheat	2,259	cwts.
Linseed	63	"
Rapeseed	145	"
Gingelly	18,206	"
Poppyseed	114	"
Groundnuts	43	"
Castorseed	40	"
Rice	25,805	"

STOCKS and SHARES.—The market was partially closed to-day on account of the death of a broker. Central India S. and W. Company's shares are quoted at 1,680; Manockji Petit, 1,640; Presidency Mills, 550; and Queen, 520.

(REUTER'L TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 9.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats dull.
Good Bhownugger 3 25-32.
The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	98 7-8
3 per cent. Rentes	99 3-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	109 1-2
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	63 11-16
Bar Silver	27 1-8

The sum of about £125,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, JAN. 9.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Urquhart arrived here from Colombo, Madras and Calcutta yesterday evening.

HONGKONG, JAN. 10.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Valetta arrived here from Bombay on Sunday morning, the 7th instant.

The Florio and Rubattino S. N. Company s.s. Singapore left Aden for Bombay on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m., and is expected to arrive in Bombay on Monday, the 15th instant.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET REPORT.

MESSRS. TATA AND SONS' Liverpool friends report their last market as follows :—"Crop movements and estimates have had little or nothing to do with the prevailing fluctuations. The unwillingness of America to sell except at higher prices has occasionally been the cause of greater steadiness, but on the whole, the market has been dominated by the financial and political outlook, and in both of these there have been plenty of surprise in store for us during the past week. The stringency of money, which we feared would be the result of the war, is already making itself felt, and it will, it is generally believed, become more acute as time goes on. We note that on the 18th inst. the discount rate of the German Imperial Bank was raised to 7 per cent. and their rate of interest for advances to 8 per cent. in which, they are, no doubt, anticipating a further advance of the Bank of England rate. Consols are lower than they have been for five years. On the 18th instant, there were the failures of a large stock broker and an important Produce Company in New York, and on the 19th a failure took place of a London Bank. There is also reason to believe that some of the large American Trusts are becoming shaky. Altogether the financial outlook is still far from brilliant, notwithstanding the elasticity of Wall Street and the New York money market. It is, therefore hardly the time to talk of cotton on its own merits. If it were, the growing belief on this side of a decidedly short crop, the generally very moderate stocks in spinners' hands, the good Manchester trade, small shipments towards this market with swindling stocks therein, might be looked upon as very strong factors in favour of a rise. Political and financial troubles have, however, so often been the means of upsetting the strongest natural combination of circumstances that, we in our opinion, maintain it will be more prudent not to enter into very large operations for the present. Of course if spinners must buy cotton against any sales of distant yarns they may make, we should not advise them to remain uncovered, but to buy distant futures against them, to be exchanged later against actual cotton at the ports or afloat, but we should not advise them to buy unless they can sell their yarns. Since we wrote the above we have been again considering the situation. The financial outlook is becoming decidedly worse; money is getting tighter, and further failures in the Stock Markets are feared. Political news continues far from favourable, and although we think that once the war terminates, a revival of trade might make itself felt, still in the meantime we cannot help thinking that the war will last some time and will help considerably to depress prices and to prevent any one from new enterprises. We have been all the time afraid of what the Americans would do, but from all accounts they do not think of pushing up further. We hear that a prominent Bull firm in New York is selling heavily, not so much perhaps from inclination as from necessity owing to tightness of money, and we can not help thinking that money matters alone will prevent a further rise. We, therefore, after having been on the fence for a long time, come back to our former opinion that a decline is more probable than an advance, and we incline to selling."

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BOMBAY.

DEATH.

RANINA—January 10, at Sea Face, Chowpati, near Wilson College, Mr. Nanabhai R. Ranina. Funeral to-day (Thursday) at 8 a.m.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

COODE—January 7, at Jubbulpore, C P, the wife of J M Coode, Superintendent, Telegraphs, of a son.
CHAMIER—January 7, at Allahabad, the wife of E Chamier, Barrister-at-Law, of a daughter.
COUPLAND—January 7, at Chapra, the wife of Herbert Coupland, I C S, of a son.
GORDON—January 3, at Mhow, Mrs L G F Gordon, wife of Captain L G F Gordon, R F A of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LOCH—January 1, at St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, by the Rev A G Luckman, M A, Captain Granville George Loch, the Royal Scots, son of the late General F A K Loch, C B, Bombay Staff Corps, to Edith, elder daughter of the late Joseph Samuel Armstrong, Bengal Civil Service.
WINN—LE FEUVRE—November 29, By license, at Monghyr, Edwin George Winn, Superintendent, N I Salt Revenue, to Alice Claire, youngest daughter of L F Le Feuvre, Esq, Monghyr.

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IT is not enough to have war on our hands in South Africa; Ignotus in the "National Review" and our old friend Mr. Holt Hallett in the "Nineteenth Century" are at great pains to point out that this is just the time for Great Britain to enter into an alliance with Japan to keep Russia out of the port of Malopo on the Korean course and keep the Open Door in China against her and France. Ignotus comforts us by the assurance that whether we like it or not there will be a storm in the Far East in the early spring. Japan is eager to go to war with the perfidious Power that with the help of France and Germany wrested her from the conquests which she had effected on the Chinese mainland. He says nothing about the high price which that Triple Alliance made China pay to Japan for vacating Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei. When part of the indemnity was paid by China, Russia occupied Port Arthur, and when the £16,000,000 for which Wei-Hai-Wei was held in pawn was raised from European bankers, Japan evacuated and Great Britain occupied that naval station. If those who incessantly declaim about the decadence of the Chinese Empire and the incapacity of her statesmen are in want of an illustration, it is ready to their hand in the fatuity with which they paid over sixteen million of money to their Japanese neighbours to leave Wei-Hai-Wei, in order that another Power should get the usufruct of it without paying a single farthing for the acquisition. The Tsungli Yamen had an excellent excuse for holding on to the money and laying it out on ironclads and military material, when it became clear that the exit of the Japs would not restore the port to China. Japan used the money to increase her navy, until it is now so powerful that Ignotus and Mr. Hallett are both satisfied that it could beat the strong squadron that Russia has sent to Port Arthur. It is largely on that conviction that they found their belief that Japan will not slip the present opportunity of humbling Russia in the Northern Pacific, destroying her navy, capturing Port Arthur, and establishing a protectorate over Korea. But in as much as the completion of the Trans-Siberian Railway in another three years would enable Russia to appear in irresistible force in the Korea, in Manchuria, and in Northern China, and that her fleet augmented by the ships now building, could in concert with that of France place Japan in a position of considerable danger, Japanese statesmen might hesitate to provoke Russia. It would be necessary for Great Britain to give them confidence by a guarantee that the British fleet would redress the balance, and protect Japan in return for assistance in holding the door open in China. The "Spectator" which favours adventures almost everywhere else, is dismayed at this proposal to make Japan the paramount power in China, and Russia our deadly enemy—and all for what? For the Open Door. But the Salisbury Government is not pledged to maintain the policy of the open door through thick and thin; it has always kept that of Spheres of Influences ready against a rainy day.

Our alarmed contemporary holds that the proposal to guarantee the integrity and independence of the Chinese Empire in alliance with a non-Christian and Asiatic Power as one of the maddest and most mischievous that could possibly get the sanction of the British people. It earnestly hopes that the advocates of a Japanese alliance against Russia will fail to exercise any influence on public opinion. No one can say in these days what earnest and ingenious advocacy of insane policies may not succeed in doing with a democratic electorate, that knows as little of foreign affairs as, say, the average French Pressman. It is easy to clamour or to vote for wars for which others pay in money and in purse. The "Spectator's" protest is not therefore to be regarded as altogether superfluous. It is well to warn the public in time that if we were to enter into an understanding or alliance with Japan to give a humiliating and damaging blow to Russia, we should inspire the Muscovite with the profoundest sense of indignation at such an ill turn. Every Slav would regard Great Britain as an implacable enemy, and there would be a universal determination in Russia to concentrate every effort on our Indian frontier and do us every injury in her power in Egypt and elsewhere. Mr. Holt Hallett would, of course, reply that not only Japan but the United States would join hands in keeping Russia out of the Korea, for she has special and sentimental—that is missionary—interests there. That is what he actually says in his article. As he was about it, he might as well have held out the bait of a possible alliance with Germany to keep the open door not only in China but in the Hermit Kingdom. As for Japan, he tells us her future prosperity, if not her very independence, depends on Korea being kept out of the clutches of Russia. Once established there its fine harbours would be turned into bases for attack in Japan and on the great markets in China, and with fifteen millions of steady Koreans to recruit from, she would be mistress of the whole of Eastern Asia. Here we come to a significant admission: "Japan with her comparatively weak fleet and finances might well dread coming to blows with such an antagonist as Rusia; but as the past has proved, she is a plucky little nation, not afraid of her bigger neighbours, full of energy and enterprise. An alliance between England and Japan, in which Japan would be backed up by the English fleet and by the English navy, would be so formidable that, without fighting, it would command respect for their rights and interests." Ignotus says the same, if there be an alliance, there will be no war. But will there be no offence to Russia and to the Powers whom she can influence?

The injury and the insult would be too manifest to be ignored. Neither of the two writers advocating this policy of provocation and injury, minus war, give any evidence to show that Japan, which they admit is too weak to tackle Russia single-handed, would enter into an alliance that would give mortal offence to the Power or Powers against which it would be directed. We have only the personal convictions of two ardent partisans to rely upon when we are assured that Japan would assume an aggressive attitude towards her formidable neighbour, if she had the promise of our support if that attitude were resented. Mr. Hallett sees that there might be misgivings on both sides as to the will or ability of either to fulfil vague engagements, if the unexpected were to happen. He endeavours to show that, though we are at present preoccupied in South Africa, yet success there does not depend to any great extent in our navy, which is therefore free to cope with the other great question claiming attention—the future of the Empire of Korea. It is surprising that he does not see that if our fleet were "preoccupied" in the Far East, as our army is in South Africa, events in other parts of the Empire, and naturally in India, might give occasion for a very great deal of preoccupation. For the activity of the fleet in the North Pacific would certainly imply war with one at least of the Great Powers. Why should we bring about such a state of affairs to keep Russia out of the Korea and let Japan in? A treaty between those two Powers, signed in April, 1898, expressly binds both Russia and Japan to respect the independence of that Peninsula. It is to our interest that both Powers should abide by that treaty, at all events for the present, and keep the peace. It is not to our interest that they should go to war and give us the choice of an alliance with the weaker. Mr. Holt speaks of the Russian Empire as a mosaic of territory formerly belonging to others. That might have been said of the Roman Empire, and, indeed, of all others. When he speaks of the necessity of protecting Japan in our own interests from what he is pleased to call the Russian Ogre, it is fair to reply that in 1894 Great Britain did not interfere to protect China from the Japanese Ogre, although China had been up to that time the pivot of British policy in the Far East. We stood by with folded hands while Japan not merely ejected China from her traditional position in her Protectorate the Korea, but annexed the Leotung Peninsula, with Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei and the large Island of Formosa, and exacted a large war indemnity for her trouble. Why should we not be equally master of ourselves and our emotions now that Japan is according to Ignotus and Mr. Hallett in mortal fear of the northern Ogre, and eager to take advantage of the present superiority of her navy and her re-organised army to go to war with her? When we are told that in helping Japan actively or passively to accomplish her revenge we should place her under a lasting obligation, we need not forget that we might with at least equal ease place Russia under an obligation by simply abstaining from doing anything so foolish.

THE political administration of the Rajputana States for the year 1898-99 is dealt with in a report by Mr. A. H. Martindale to the Government of India. The principal event of the year was the constitution of the new State of Jhalawar, and the installation of Kunwar Bhawani Singh as Chief. The States, more or less, suffered from an insufficient rainfall, but in some areas the crops were abundant and the rapidly extending railways kept grain prices conspicuously low. In the worst tracts the people protected themselves and their cattle as usual by temporary migration, but it is probable that the present adversity will render it much more difficult for persons to keep life going in their cattle. The government of the States is generally good, though room for improvement in the efficiency of the police exists in some. A very large sum has been spent on public works, such as the deepening of old and construction of new wells. The system of irrigation is finding favour, and in many States extensions are being carried out, and although the burden of first cost is heavy yet the future will show that irrigation forms a profitable investment. For instance in Jaipur this particular form of work has been liberally encouraged, and in consequence the income of the State has received very material help. Railway extensions are in course of completion. In April this year the whole Marwar section of the Balotra-Shadipali line will be opened. This scheme is of the first importance, forming as it does a link of the great project, now approaching completion, of placing Central India and the fertile tracts of Eastern Rajputana in direct communication with the sea at Karachi. Kotah has expended nearly four lakhs on the section of their railway running through its boundaries. Already a large volume of grain trade has been carried by the construction trains on this line, which will assuredly do much to develope a rich and well-watered tract of grain country, hitherto ill provided with communications. During the year the Capital was connected with Punjab trading centres by the opening of the Bikanir-Bhatinda Railway. Coal mining is developing in Bikanir State, and coal to the extent of 500 tons per month is now produced from the pits at Palana, to which place a branch line is being constructed from Gigasar. When this is completed it is anticipated the output at the colliery will be much increased. The coal has been tried on the Jodhpur Railway but it does not produce good results when used in locomotives. It has, however, been tried with better results in some of the mills and workshops in Rajputana, and is eventually likely to be a source of profit to the State. The reform of their currency is now the burning question in most of the States of Rajputana. In Partabgarh this question has assumed a serious aspect. The continued depreciation in the value of the Salim Sahi rupee, the local currency of Partabgarh, originated by excessive minting and increased by the recent action of the contiguous States in excluding the Salim Sahi rupee from their States, has compelled the Partabgarh Darbar to seek relief in proposals to substitute the British India for the Salim Sahi rupee. Every effort was made to induce the several States to curtail their minting operations, having regard to the serious depreciation of their local currency. The more enlightened Darbars are carefully considering practical measures for introducing the Government coinage in substitution for their own, but the operation is costly and attended by various difficulties.

THE chief feature of the report on Education in the Central Provinces during the pass year is the great falling-off in attendance notwithstanding agricultural conditions were normal. There was a decrease of 4,431 scholars in Eastern Province, and at one stroke 139 primary schools were closed, although education has as yet only reached 5·07 per cent. of children of school-going age. An explanation for this is found in the excess of zeal shown by the Raipur District Council, who spent on education during 1898-99 Rs. 7,409 more than was by rule available for that purpose; while in Sambalpur the excess was Rs. 7,533, and the expenditure on education exceeded the total income of the year from all sources. The Commissioner of the Chhattisgarh Division, in his note forwarding the report for the Eastern Circle, urges the clear necessity on financial grounds which existed for reducing the number of schools. He regards this measure as the consequence of reckless and excessive expenditure on education in the past, the Council having diverted to this purpose funds which properly belonged to other objects. And he points out that even now financial equilibrium has not been reached, and that further considerable retrenchments on educational expenditure must be looked for; and the budgets for 1899-1900 show that there is still some excess to be reduced. There are, however, no doubt other considerations to be borne in mind than those of merely local finance. It is, for example, a serious result of this step that the number of children of school-going age under instruction in Sambalpur is now less than 4 per cent. The Chief Commissioner is of opinion that there has been gross financial mismanagement, for which not the District Council only but also the local officers have been to blame. But primary education should not, on this account, be allowed to suffer unduly. The financial position and the character of the schools must be fully considered; and a clear report should be submitted before any further action is taken.

THE subsidence of plague in the mofussil continues to be general, and for the first time for months Poona City is free of the pestilence. This week's returns show that in Poona and Nasik districts it is rapidly diminishing, the cases and deaths being under 30. Plague has been rather severe at Satara, but there are now signs of a drop, tokens which do not appear in Sholapur, which is suffering from a virulent epidemic. Belgaum is recovering, but plague remains stationary at Dharwar. There is an alarming increase in Bijapur district, the cases and deaths rising from 25 and 17 to 42 and 41. Karachi district and Hyderabad combined cannot muster a dozen cases, and it is evident the disease is relinquishing its grip on the Sind town. There is also a pleasant decrease in Kolhapur, the cases falling from 203 and deaths from 153 to 105 and 94 respectively. The disease continues its ravages in Bhor State, but in the other native territories it is very mild. In the City of Bombay the epidemic is rampant and spreading with remarkable rapidity—carrying off close upon 100 persons per day. The total number of deaths is 1,015 against 1,107 in the previous week.

A PERFORMANCE takes place in the Tivoli Theatre at 8 p.m., to-night, when "Rama Vioga" will be given, the proceeds being devoted to the Presidency Cattle Fund. Sir Charles Ollivant presides, and Sir Munguldas Nathoobhoy's Cloth Market merchants have raised a fund of about Rs. 3,000 towards this object. Mr. Tribhowandas Munguldas, as president of the Committee, has largely contributed towards this.

THE cleverest book by a woman, since George Elliot died, is "Red Pottage," by Mary Cholmondelly, bright, shrewd, candid, entrancing—clever in style as in conception. Messrs. Longmans and Co. have just added this book to their Colonial Library, so that readers in our Colonies and abroad may easily form acquaintance with the best novel of many seasons.

BALANCES held in cash in the Civil Treasuries of the Government of India and at credit of the Government in the Presidency Banks and their Branches, on the last day of December were :—1897, Rs. 997,10,000; 1898, Rs. 11,524,2,000; and 1899, Rs. 8,76,28,000.

THE Maharajah of Travancore has telegraphed to Messrs. P. Macfadyen and Co., to pay into the Transvaal War Fund, at the Mansion House, the equivalent of Rs. 5,000.

ON Saturday evening there occurred a small fire in the Rajkot City in the house of a Bora, named Hasan Kadibhai, resulting in the destruction of grass and domestic articles, valued at Rs. 500. It appears that the fire was the work of incendiarism and that some one closed the door from outside before it could be noticed.

PLAGUE is stationary at Sholapur. 115 cases and 108 deaths were reported from the city last week. In the Sholapur District there were 74 cases and 55 deaths during the same period. The authorities have issued notices to the inhabitants of some of the lanes to evacuate them early.

THE Nepal Durbar are sending an official to India to be instructed in rinderpest inoculation.

THE Maharani-Regent of Mysore is sending 100 horses from the Mysore Imperial Service Troops to South Africa.

THE traffic earnings of Burma Railways for the half-hear ending December 31st, were Rs. 40,46,063, against Rs. 38,49,028 in the second half of 1898.

THE new telegraph line from Mastung to Panjpai, south-west of Quetta, has been completed, and the office at the latter place will be opened this week. The line will probably be carried on to Nushki, this summer.

THE movements of the 30th Punjab Infantry from Malakand to Jullundar, 15th Sikhs from Ferozepore to Malakand, and 38 Dogras from Malakand to Ferozepore, will now be carried out by rail instead of march owing to the prevailing scarcity in the Punjab.

THE Garrison for the experimental Camp at Torawari (Kurrum) has been fixed at one battalion of native infantry, two mountain guns and headquarters and two squadrons of native cavalry, for as long as troops are maintained on the Samana and in the Kurrum.

THE plague returns for the week ending January 6th show 1,386 deaths as compared with 1,370 in the week preceding. There were 13 fewer deaths in Bombay City, but 49 more in the Bombay Presidency Districts. The mortality in Calcutta rose from 33 to 66. Two deaths occurred in the Allahabad District.

THE Madras Government apprehends that the estimates of Land Revenue in 1900-1901, lately approved may require revision in consequence of the unfavourable character of the season in parts of the Presidency. The Board of Revenue has therefore been requested to submit by the end of this month a revised estimate of remissions and suspensions of revenue.

THERE was a bitch about sending 300 men from the three British regiments in Burma as mounted infantry for service in South Africa. It seemed possible that the number might be reduced, but the full contingent is to be sent as soon as a steamer can be prepared to take them. They will take Burma ponies with them fully equipped with saddles, rifle-buckets and wallets.

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a telegram from the Government of Multa, intimating that vessels arriving from Indian ports without clean bills of health, which have not got pratique in any port in the Adriatic or Mediterranean, are allowed to coal and take provisions under quarantine restrictions.

IN Cachar and Sylhet the plucking of tea is now nearly completed, and pruning has commenced. The outturn of tea from the Sylhet district is reported to be good. In the Sibsagar district the plucking of tea is completed and pruning is now in progress; the outturn for last season is only returned as fair. In the Lakhimpur district also pruning operations are in progress; the outturn for last season is, however, reported to be generally short.

IN connection with the Paris Exhibition the Government of India have granted £4,000 to the Indian Tea Association to assist in covering the cost of the space and royalties for tea and coffee exhibits They have also agreed to bear a quarter of the actual cost in case of indigo exhibits up to £1,000. The Madras Government have also given a contribution to the United Planters' Association of Southern India. The State Forest exhibits will probably leave Calcutta next week.

IT has now been decided that the 27th Madras Infantry, under orders for Mauritius, shall embark at Madras instead of Bombay. They will leave in the R. I. M. steamer Clive on the 15th instant. The immediate reason for sending the 27th is that the battalion of the Ugnada Rifles now at Mauritius cannot stand the climate, as the men belong mostly to the Punjab. It is possible that the 1st Bengal Infantry, who have been some time at Mauritius, may be relieved by another regiment later.

A MEETING of leading native residents was held at Muzaffargarh with a view to raise subscriptions in aid of the Transvaal War Fund. The meeting was purely non-official, and had been called by one of the principal "raises" of the district. Pundit Hari Kishen Kaul, who presided, pointed out that unfortunately the war had come at a time when we had famine of very acute nature at our doors, and we had to be prepared to combat it by raising money shortly for relief purposes. Nevertheless, he said, there was no reason why we should not make a small additional sacrifice for the War Fund. A subscription list was opened and more than Rs. 1,300 subscribed.

THE principal features of the Calcutta import trade last month were the large arrivals of gold, and the activity in cotton goods and Russian oil. The Custom House returns show an increase of fifteen lakhs in the value of cotton goods landed in the port in December, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898. Russian kerosine oil importes during the same period increased in value by seven lakhs, American and other kerosine consentaneously decreasing by five lakhs. Unrefined sugar imports rose by three lakhs, while the gold imported was valued at thirty lakhs, or twenty-two lakhs more than was imported in December, 1898. Of the total amount of gold, thirteen lakhs were in sovereigns. Taking merchandise bullion, and specie combined, the import trade of Calcutta last month was close upon fifty-four lakhs ahead of the corresponding month last year.

THE recently launched first class cruisers, the Cresso and Sutlej are vessels whose construction is a marked improvement on that of any of their predecessors. Possessed of all features—and that to a high degree—special to all other modern cruisers, namely high speed, an extensive range of action and very considerable powers of offence, these vessels are armoured to an extent which should make them invulnerable as regards their vitals by any but the heaviest type of projectile that could be brought to bear against them. Hitherto, in our Navy at least even our most modern cruisers have depended for their defence against the entrance of projectiles on an arched steel deck, varying in thickness from 2 to 4 inches, and on their superior speed. In the cressy class consisting of six vessels, and in the Drake and Kent classes, which are building or projected, side armour is also carried in the shape of a deep belt extending above and below the waterline for a very considerable proportion of ship's length. This belt is to be 6 inches thick in the case of the Cressy class, and covers the side for a height of 6 feet above and below the waterline; so that the vessel should be impervious, as far as her vitals are concerned, to the five or 6 inch guns, and should be capable of rendering a very good account of herself in an action with any but the most modern battleships. The speed of the Cressy class is 21 knots, and this is to be exceeded in the Drake class which are now building.

DURING the trial of the case against Mr. Carey Reduction Officer at Balaghat Mine, on a charge of being in dishonest possession of a bar of gold valued at Rs. 4,000 before the Special Magistrate of the Gold Fields, the prisoner confessed his guilt and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 1,000.

A YOUNG medical student, named Watkins, met with rather a nasty accident the other day. He had a scalpel in his waistcoat pocket, and while endeavouring to cross over a fencing in a stooping position, the scalpel stuck in his chest. He drew it out as once and stopped the excessive bleeding that followed. The wound was attended to in the General Hospital.

THE following is the judgment in the Sivakasi riots cases, which has been heard for the past two months:—One accused, convicted of abetment and participation in the riot, has been sentenced to transportation for life; and another, convicted of abetment, to ten years' penal servitude. Many other have been convicted of abetment and sentenced to terms ranging from five to ten years' imprisonment, while four have been sentenced to be hanged.

THE Directors of the Kolar Gold Mining Companies at home having decided to sell their gold to the Indian Mints, the next consignment will be made to the Mint Master of Bombay to the order of the National Bank of India. During the last month the Coromandel Gold Mining Company crushed 850 tons of quartz, producing 503 ounces of gold. This is against an average of 678 ounces in 1898, and 292 ounces in 1899. It is interesting to note that during 1899 the Champion Reef Mine produced as much as 159,161 ounces, and the Mysore Mine 155,786 ounces of gold.

NEWS from Srinagar states that the local police recently seized two Central Asian travellers from across the frontier, who were making the pilgrimage to Mecca, on the suspicion of having committed a murder, because blood-stains were found on their clothes. After some prevarication, they confessed before the Court that they had murdered two other pilgrims to Mecca at Karoil, and had buried them under the snow, after robbing some silver pieces worth about Rs. 200 from them. The police have now gone with them to the scene of murder to discover the corpses.

IN consequence of an inquiry ordered by the Belgian Ministry of Justice, the police of Brussels the other day made a descent upon an office occupied by an individual who represented himself as a British recruiting agent empowered to enrol men for service in South Africa. About fifty men of the loafer class were on the premises at the time. All of them and also the agent were arrested, pending further investigation. After being interrogated the supposed recruiting agent was liberated.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

RECONNAISSANCE BY GENERAL GATACRE.

LONDON, JAN. 10.

Reuter, wiring from Molteno on the 8th instant, states that last night General Gatacre sent a strong force from Sterkstroom and reconnoitred the Boer position at Stormberg, where the enemy were found to be in strength and occupying over two miles of a range of hills. A few shots were exchanged and the reconnaissance withdrew.

THE MANCHESTER SPEECH.

SEVERE CRITICISMS BY THE "TIMES."

LONDON, JAN. 10.

The "Times" in a leading article this morning again severely criticizes Mr. Balfour's statement in his speech at Manchester on Monday last, regarding he conduct of her Majesty's Government in connection with the war.

It says that the Government should consider themselves lucky that they only have to face a weak opposition in Parliament.

It would be better, the "Times" adds, for the country if the Cabinet frankly owned its mistakes.

DEATH OF A BRIGADIER.

The death from pneumonia is announced of General John Prior, commanding the Fifteenth Brigade of the Seventh Division.

RECONNAISSANCE BY GENERAL FRENCH.

LONDON, JAN. 9.

General French reports that on Sunday morning he reconnoitred the enemy's last flank with a squadron of the Household Cavalry on the road to Achtertang and found a considerable force of the enemy who are anxious about their communications with Norvals Pont and withdrew their troops.

THE LOSS IN THE SUFFOLKS.

The casualties in the Suffolks on the 6th instant were as follows :—

Killed—Colonel Watson.
Lieutenant Wilkins.
Lieutenant White.
Lieutenant Carey.
Missing—Captain Breth.
Captain Thomson.
Captain Brown.
Lieutenant Allen.
Lieutenant Wood-Martin.
Lieutenant Butler.

In addition to this 24 men were killed, 26 wounded, and 107 are missing.

GENERAL FRENCH'S LOSSES.

General French's casualties from the 1st to the 4th inst., are Lieutenant West, of the Berkshires, and eleven men killed and forty-three wounded.

THE SEIZURES OF GERMAN STEAMERS.

Great Britain has replied to the German Note protesting against the seizures of German steamers, but the purport of the reply is not known.

It is believed that everything will be settled amicably.

It is stated that the men in khaki on board the Bundesrath belonged to the Italian Red Cross Society.

RELEASE OF THE HERZOG.

LONDON, JAN. 10.

The German East African steamer Herzog, which was seized by a British man-of-war and brought into Durban, has been released.

ROYAL HORSE ARTILLERY FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JAN. 10.

"J" Battery, R. H. A., under orders for South Africa, arrived here in two special trains from Bangalore, to-day. The men and horses looked fit. The battery is under the command of Captain Corbine, and consists of 174 men, and 198 horses. A detachment of 59 men and 70 horses, under Lieutenant Ritchie, of "L" Battery from Secunderabad, has arrived and joined the former battery. Major Outhouse, who goes in command of the battery, joins in Bombay. The other officers are Lieutenants Haycock, Broughton, and Monkhouse.

LATER.

"J" Battery left last evening by two special trains. The send-off was a very warm one. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. The bands of the Poona Volunteers and 16th Bombay Infantry were on the platform. The first train steamed out at 6-15 p.m., hearty cheers being given all round. The second train left one hour after. Quarter-Master Lister and Trumpeter Waldon, of E Battery, from Kirkee, joined the J Battery. After the battery left another special train with 92 horses, drawn from the 1st Bombay Lancers, 4th Bombay Cavalry and 1st Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent, left in charge of Captain Baynes with ten men and a number of followers.

ANOTHER INFANTRY DIVISION FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 10.

The "Indian Daily News" cablegram, dated London, 8th instant, states that details of the composition of another Infantry Division has been nearly completed by the War Office, but no remounts from India will be included, owing to the strong objection to weaken the British garrison there. It is stated, at the India Office, however, that three transport corps and several mountain guns will be supplied from India.

INDIAN VOLUNTEER MOUNTED CORPS.

The Home Government have accepted the offer of Lieutenant-Colonel Lumsden, of the Assam Valley Light Horse, to raise a mounted corps from the various Volunteer Corps throughout India, for service in South Africa. The Force will comprise two Companies of 125 each and will be fully equipped with tents and 500 rounds of ammunition. Under orders of the Commander-in-Chief offers to serve are invited. Preference will be given to good shots and good riders. The terms of the enlistment are not yet announced but the corps will be expected to find its own horses, the Government furnishing the arms and tents and supplying transport rations and fodder. Colonel Lumsden is expected here shortly, his address being, care of "Sir Patrick Playfair, Lyons Range, Calcutta."

WAR ITEMS.

The "Indian Daily News" cablegram dated London 9th, says that the Boers say that General Buller is constructing a subsidiary railroad westwards towards Potgieters drift.

A brilliant charge by 28 men of the Inniskillings is reported from Rensburg. They were intercepted by 500 Boers, but out their way through with a loss of seven men. There were several narrow escapes.

Arrangements are being made by the Government of India to despatch a thousand drivers for service in South Africa. They are being drawn from various transport corps in this country. The report that transport and mountain batteries are also to be sent is not confirmed.

THE ATTACK ON LADYSMITH.

PARTICULARS OF REINFORCEMENTS.

ALLAHABAD, JAN 10.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires, London, 9th January :—

The following is re-published by special permission of the "Times" :—Frere Camp, 7th January :—Cæsar's Camp, one of the chief points attacked yesterday, is the most advanced post held by the Ladysmith garrison, about three miles south of the town.

Its tactical importance is due to the fact that it guards a long ridge running at the back to the town.

The Manchesters and Gordons, who were encamped at Cæsar's Camp, and two battalions of the King's Royal Rifles on the ridge to the east close by, epalsed the attack with the bayonet.

General Buller contented himself during Saturday's fighting at Ladysmith with a simultaneous demonstration, consisting of a march of two miles to Colenso and extension for attack, which the Artillery utilised to bombard the Boer positions, after which the force marched back to Chievely.

The result of General White's messages, following upon last week's operations elsewhere has been to strengthen confidence at Home.

The Vickers Company are ordered to supply 4-7 inch quick-firers and Maxims until further orders.

The recent arrivals at Durban are the Harlech Castle, at Port Natal ; the Victorian (with 14th Hussars and 20th Field Battery), Mongolian (2nd Middlesex), Atlantian (two Field Batteries), Majestic (York and Lancasters and drafts), Maplemore (South African Light Horse), Dilwara, Manchester City, and Wakrol. At Capetown there have arrived the Gascon, with the 1st Royal Irish and 2nd Wiltshires, and the Mexican with the Queen's gift of chocolate for troops, the Avoca, Urmston Grange, and others with stores. The Formosa has arrived at Table Bay with mules. The Dunera started Home with 200 officers and men from various battalions, sick and wounded.

INDIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FRONT.

MADRAS, JAN. 10.

Colonel Phipps, Commanding the Madras Railway Volunteers, has loyally offered, through the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, to place at the disposal of the Government, for such duties as may be required of them, a force of 150 to 200 members of his Corps, skilled in railway work and mechanism and accustomed to use arms as Volunteers.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY ON GERMAN INTERESTS IN DISTANT SEAS.

LONDON, JAN. 9.

The Emperor William, in a telegram to the King of Wurtemburg, says he hopes that events of the last few days have strengthened the conviction that Germany's interests and honor must be protected in distant seas, and therefore Germany must be strong on the sea.

DECORATION FOR UGANDA.

Captain Evatt has received the Distinguished Service Order for services in Uganda.

THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 10.

The French mail steamer Dupleix arrived to-day with the Maharaja of Mysore and suite. His Highness was accompanied by Colonel Donald Robertson, British Resident ; Mr. S. M. Fraser, Tutor to his Highness ; Major Symth, I.M.S., Durbar Physician ; Sir Seshadri Iyer, Dewan ; Mr. P. N. Krishnamurthi, Councillor ; Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, Councillor ; Mr. C. Srinivasa Iyengar, Chief Secretary ; Mr. C. Srienntheswara Iyer, Private Secretary to the Dewan ; Mr. Kantha Rajur, Assistant Private Secretary to the Maharani-Regent; Mr. Linga Rajur, Durbar Bakshee ; and Mr. Gopal Raj Urs. In accordance with the wish of his Highness that his arrival will be private no one were present at the railway platform from the Government House to meet him. His Highness drove to his residence in a private conveyance.

REORGANISATION OF THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICERS' OFFICE.

The re-organisation scheme for the offices of the Principal Medical Officer in India and the Principal Medical Officers, Madras and Bombay Commands, have been finally sanctioned by the Government of India. The first-named office will include seventeen clerks on pay, ranging up to Rs. 400 monthly, and the last two, each seven clerks, ranging in case of Madras up to Rs. 200 monthly, and in that of Bombay to Rs. 150 monthly.

SMALL-POX IN CALCUTTA.

Owing to small-pox having broken out in an epidemic form in the city superintendents, inspectors and men of the Calcutta police are all being vaccinated, including the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

RETIREMENT.

Sir William Macpherson of the Calcutta High Court retires next March.

FRONTIER TROUBLES.

Orders have been issued for troops from Jandola and Haidra Katch to close the passes in connection with the outrage on the Zam posts, where five men were killed the other night by some forty Mahsud raiders.

MILITARY NEWS.

Lieutenant-Colonel Glover, A. V. D. Inspecting Veterinary Officer, Punjab Circle, has been selected for service in South Africa with the Field Force.

Captain Jackson, D. A. A. G., Bombay Command Head-quarters, has been granted eight months' leave, on private affairs.

Lieutenant Crowe, from 24th Western Artillery, Malta, is transferred to 58th Field Battery, Kamptee.

Captain Long, R.E., is posted on famine duty in the Central Provinces, while Lieutenant Robinson, 17th Bombay Infantry, relieves Lieutenant Steen, 14th Bombay Infantry, on plague duty, Sholapur.

OPPOSITION TO A BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

RANGOON, JAN. 10.

The following official press communication was issued to-day :—The Wang or Chief of Sonmu, a petty Shan State, which lies between China and the Salween in latitude of Kunlong Ferry, is offering opposition to the demarcation of his frontier. The headman of Panglong was sent to Panghkawn, the capital of Sonmu, about 15 miles south of Panglong, to represent our friendly intentions to the Wang. The headman was ambushed by the Wang and was shot with seven out of his eight followers. Subsequently Panglong capitulated to Wang and bought him off by the payment of an indemnity. The Wang now threatens to attack the reserve escort of the Commission, consisting of military police, which is stationed at Hopang, on the Namting, about 15 miles north of Panlong. The threat is probably a mere bravado and the reserve escort is in no danger, but as a precautionary measure a reinforcement of 50 men is being sent from Lashio. Mr. Scott with his personal escort of 50 European soldiers is at Mangkha, on Namting, about 15 miles beyond the Hopang camp of the Chinese commissioners, who have a large Chinese force close by.

"THE NAVSARI WEEK."

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NAVSARI, JAN. 9.

The one week of the year, for which all the inhabitants of Navsari look out with longing eyes, has come and gone. We hailed it with delight and only mourn, that our season lasts a week and no more. The gathering of visitors was not as large as usual, owing to the idea, that plague was prevailing. Chief amongst the visitors, were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tata, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Tata. The cricket matches which are usually a marked feature of the week, had to be abandoned.

Shrimant Sumpatrao Gaekwar presided at the distribution of prizes the two first evenings, and gave a donation of Rs. 100 in books to Mr. Tata's School. The Subha, Mr. Ralph Kershaw, was away at Bombay on special duty, and only arrived on the afternoon of the 30th, but was in time to attend the distribution of prizes that evening.

The next item on the programme of the week was a lecture given by Mr. Cama on Inoculation, and Mr. Ralph Kershaw presided. The gathering was not as large as usual, very few of the ladies of the station being present. Mr. Cama spoke in high terms of the benefits of inoculation, and showed the people that there was nothing either in segregation, inoculation or quarantine, that interfered in any way with the Zoroastrian religion. The president also gave a speech, and two other gentlemen present, all favouring inoculation, the speeches seem to have had an effect, and a few of the people of Navsar have since been inoculated.

The Madressa School next had their distribution of prizes, Mr. Ralph Kershaw presiding. The items of the programme consisted both of English and Vernacular pieces, and the students conducted themselves well throughout. The president gave a short speech, in which he rightly praised his Highness the Gaekwar, for the keen interest he takes, in all that pertains to education. Shrimant Gunpatrao Gaekwar, brother of his Highness, next thanked the president, and the Principal of the School, for the kind feelings they had expressed for his Highness the Gaekwar, and the Chota Maharaja. The Madressa School and the A.-V. School delivered into the hands of the Subha two addresses of congratulation, addressed to his Highness the Chota Maharaja, who was successful in the last Matriculation Examination. The Subha sent them by a special messenger that very night.

Next evening the girls school gave us a treat with their singing, etc., to mark the distribution of their prizes. Dewan Bahadur Kazi Sahib, C. I. E., presided, and the prizes were given to the successful students by Mrs. Ralph Kershaw. The gathering was very large, the whole of Navsari having turned out for this occasion. Great credit is due to the teachers of the different schools, who must have taken a deal of trouble, in teaching the children to perform the various parts consigned to them. A marked feature of the entertainment was the distributing of the prizes, by Mrs. Ralph Kershaw, it being the first time a lady has ever done so. Mr. Cama, in his speech, thanked Mr. Kazi for presiding and Mrs. Ralph Kershaw for distributing the prizes. He said that day would remain fresh in the memories of all present for years to come, and that the successful students would deem themselves more fortunate than any of the other years as they had received the prizes from the hands of a lady, who was the wife of the Subha. Mr. Kazi thanked the people for himself, and Mr. Kershaw thanked them for Mrs. Kershaw.

The last, and what might be termed the "event of the week was the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Tata. All the children of the station were present, besides the officials and their families.

No trouble had been spared to make the evening a pleasant one. Some pahlwans had been engaged for the evening, and gave us some marvellous feats of strength. The rope dancers, too, were present, and some of their performances were really wonderful. The children were then allowed to rifle the borah or plum trees, which, I hear, are kept especially for this occasion. The children were then entertained to a feast in the garden, while the big ones had theirs in the bungalow. The party ended late in the evening. Amongst the guests present were Mr. Ralph Kershaw, the Subha, and his family, Dewan Bahadur Kazi Sahib, C.I.E., Shrimant Sumpatrao Gaekwar and others.

Thus ended our week, and we returned to our state of quiet not to be awakened till the same time next year, for nothing seems to move us into a state of activity, not even the War News !

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT LAWADA.

The transport Lawada, Captain T. J. Grier, sailed yesterday afternoon for Durban, with 204 horses, 6 officers, 23 native soldiers, 53 syces, 9 servants, and 7 chargers. The horses were railed down to the jetty shed, Prince's Dock, at 8 a.m., and shipped on board. Captain H. J. M. McAandrew is in charge of the horses. The embarkation was smartly carried out, but a slight accident occurred to a lascar belonging to the Government Dockyard. He was kicked on the back by an animal while fixing the canvas. The man was removed to the jetty shed and subsequently sent to hospital. The following officers proceeded by her :—Lieut.-Col. Dawson, 9th Bombay Lancers, Major Cowie, R.E, Major Laudon, R. Warwick Regt. ; Captain Cobb, East Yorks ; Captain H. J. M. McAndrew, 5th Bengal Cavalry ; and Captain Cookson, 26th Bengal Cavalry.

The transport Ujina sails to-day for Durban, with "J" Battery, R. H. A.

Transport No. 36 Pundua will sail from the Jetty Shed, Prince's Dock, on the 14th inst. with the following Imperial Service Horses :—(i.) 100 Mysore Imperial Service Horses will leave Poona in a Special train on the evening of the 13th inst. at Prince's Dock at 5-55 a.m., (local time) the following morning. (ii.) 100 Hyderabad Imperial Service Horses will leave Poona in a Special train evening arriving Princes Dock at 7-20 a.m., (local time) the following morning. Any Officers or details at Bombay for embarkation in this transport are to be at the Prince's Dock at 6 a.m., (local time) on the 14th instant.

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY PAREL DAY SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes to the children of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Parel Day School came off last evening at the school, near the Parel station The school premises were profusely decorated with flags and bunting and presented a gay appearance, Mr. Harvey presided and Miss Harvey distributed the prizes. The proceedings were enlivened with selections of music played at intervals by a band in the compound. The children went through a programme of recitations and songs which they capitally rendered and elicited loud applauses from the audience.

Mr. Redmayne, honorary secretary, read the report from which it appears that the school opened with 73 pupils and closed in December with 77 on the roll—an increase of four. The average daily attendance was 57. The school has been in existence for the last twenty-one years, having been opened on the 26th June, 1878, with 24 pupils only. Children were then taught only up to the IV. Standard. As years passed on the V. Standard was taught and an increase made in the teaching staff. In 1894 and two following years the VII. Standard was taught and since that period they have had one or two pupils in that standard. The teaching staff has been kept up with the hope that parents would see the necessity of keeping their children at the school until the VI. Standand has been passed. The Government Inspector visited the school on the 8th December last and after examining the children in various standards, sent in a very satisfactory report. The special attention of parents was directed to the kindergarten system of teaching little ones, which must commend itself to all. There was a decrease of Rs. 150 in the amount of fees received during the year. The Company has generously continued its support to the school and has contributed during the year the sum of Rs. 2 080. There have been many changes in the teaching staff during the year and the committee is sorry to report that Mr. Smith, the head-master, has been very ill in hospital since the last four months, and his absence has thrown a good deal of extra work on the lady teachers and they have responded well, and to them is due the credit of satisfactory results of the Institute. The discipline of the school has been exceedingly good. The committee thank Mr. Smith and his assistants for the satisfactory manner in which they have worked during the year and obtained such good results.

Mr. Harvey then addressed the meeting. He congratulated the teaching staff of the school on the very satisfactory results achieved by them, and hoped that Mr. Smith might soon recover. He was glad to hear that the children had been regular in their attendance, which was a main point which required the parents' attention.

The prizes were then distributed and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman and Miss Harvey.

DEATH OF A MUNICIPAL AUDITOR.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Nanabhai Rustomji Ranina, for many years one of the Municipal auditors, which took place yesterday morning, at his residence, Chowpatty, after a few days' illness. He was born in Bombay in May, 1832, and having received his primary education in Poona, and having become an orphan at the age of ten, came to Bombay, where he joined the Elphinstone Institution in the time of Principal John Harkness. In 1850, while yet a student, Mr. Ranina published a Gujarati translation of Chambers's Rudiments of Knowledge, which was much appreciated at the time. In the following year, he was engaged as a teacher in the Parsee Girls' School in the Fort, then under the supervision of the Students' Literary and Scientific Society. Mr. Ranina subsequently joined the Electric Telegraph Department, and with the late Mr. Ardasir Framjee Moos was instrumental in making arrangements for connecting Bombay with Kalian by the electric cord. In April, 1854, he was placed in charge of the newly-opened telegraph office in Poona, but owing to some misunderstanding with the superintendent of the department, in common with other Parsee employes, Mr. Ranina reverted to his post of teacher in the Parsee Girls' School in Bombay. Later on, he published several books in Gujarati, notably the Vachan Pathmalla, the Dnyan Bodhak, etc., for the use of schools. The affairs of the Native General Library having got out of gear, Mr. Ranina was appointed the librarian, and with the co-operation of Mr. A. F. Moos, who was appointed honorary secretary, succeeded in bringing the library into a satisfactory condition. Mr. Ranina subsequently started the Union Press with the assistance of a few friends, becoming later on its sole proprietor, which he was till the time of his death. It has proved a very profitable concern. In 1856, Mr. Ranina was appointed sub-editor of the "Rast Goftar," the duties of which office he discharged very creditably, and afterwards rose to the post of editor of the paper. The "Chabook" (whip) was also under Mr. Ranina's editorship for some time. From 1865 to 1871, he was the managing proprietor of the "Bombay Samachar," a Gujerati daily, which he edited during the illness of the editor. He had the cause of social reform much at heart, and he wrote several works in Gujerati, among which may be mentioned the Sansar Chitra, *i.e.*, the Social Picture, in which he vividly pourtrayed the blemishes in Parsee social customs, and the Stri Mitra, which was specially designed for the improvement of Parsee ladies. Mr. Ranina's "opus magnus" in literature was his comprehensive English and Gujerati Dictionary, which he edited in co-operation with Mr. A. F. Moos, which must long remain a standard work of reference. Their labours extended over four decades, and at the death of Mr. Moos in 1895, 1100 quarto-sized pages of the Dictionary had been printed and published. Mr. Ranina thereafter continued his labour of love single-handed, and has brought the work well near completion. In 1875 Mr. Ranina was nominated a Fellow of the Bombay University, and subsequently a Justice of the Peace. He was subsequently elected a delegate of the Parsee Chief Matrimonial Court. There have been few public movements in Bombay during the past thirty-five years in which the deceased gentleman did not take an active and useful part. For some years he worked as a member of the managing committee of the Bombay Association, the predecessor of the Bombay Presidency Association, and subsequently as a member of the Council of the latter body. He also worked for some years as treasurer of the Dnyanprasarak Mandali, and for a time as a member of its managing committee. In 1865, some evil-disposed persons made secret preparations on an extensive scale to rise in mutiny against the British Government. After their plans had been somewhat matured, Mr. Ranina by pure accident came into possession of a letter containing the details of the plot. He at once forwarded the original letter to Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, then a magistrate of police. Mr. Ranina received the thanks of Government for the prompt and timely warning, which enabled the authorities to nip in the bud what would otherwise have been a serious affair. In 1876 the deceased was appointed one of the Municipal auditors, the duties of which office he continued to discharge till the time of his recent illness.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

At the weekly meeting of the Committee held yesterday, Dr. N. N. Katrak presided ; and there were also present—Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Professor Muller, Dr. Viegas, Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed, Messrs. Mir Aun Ali, K. N. Wadia, K. N. Kabrajee, and Muljee B. Barbhaya.

SELECTION OF A CLERK.

The Committee considered a letter to the Chairman, from the Secretary, stating that he had selected for the place of the fourth clerk on Rs. 50 per mensem Mr. Ali Mahmed Ali Baksh Moulvie, B.A., and requested sanction to his appointment on six months' probation, and subject to Mr. N. B. Damle's lien on the appointment of second clerk. Mr. Moulvie's ability and character, the Secretary stated, were well spoken of by his college professors, and he had also satisfied himself by interviewing him and making enquiries regarding him that he was likely to make a good clerk.

Professor Muller proposed that sanction be given to the appointment of Mr. Moulvie as recommended by the Secretary. He said that all things being equal, Municipal appointments should be distributed among different castes and creeds.

Dr. Viegas was opposed to appointments being given to outsiders, when men could be found in the Municipality to hold such appointments. He moved an amendment to the effect that the selection to the place be made from amongst Municipal servants.

As the amendment was not seconded, it fell to the ground.

After some discussion, Professor Muller's proposition was put to the vote and carried, Dr. Viegas being the only dissentient.

SMALL-POX IN BOMBAY.

Mr. Mir Aun Ali, in accordance with notice, moved that as small-pox was assuming an epidemic form in the City, the Commissioner be requested to favour the Committee with a report on the steps he intended taking for the vaccination of the people residing in most highly infected quarters, and also for the re-vaccination of those who had been already vaccinated. He said that it must have been brought to the notice of many of the members of the Committee that small-pox was raging in an epidemic form in good many quarters of the city, and it was therefore desirable that steps were taken for guarding the people against infection, and for the removal and treatment of cases to suitable places, due regard being paid to the religious susceptibilities of the poorer and more ignorant classes, who had an idea that the goddess of death had something or other to do with the disease. Nothing should be done that would act harshly on the poor people, whose religious feelings and susceptibilities should be first consulted. Small-pox was found raging even among adults.

Dr. Viegas observed that small pox was largely prevalent in the city. It was mostly found among those who came to Bombay from the mofussil, and who had not been vaccinated. Vaccination was compulsory in Bombay and not in the mofussil, and it was desirable that the law which prevailed in Bombay should also be made applicable to the mofussil.

The proposition was carried.

DEATH OF A MUNICIPAL AUDITOR.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 10th inst., to his address, from Mr. A. Thomson, Municipal Auditor, stating that it was his painful duty to have to report the death of his colleague, Mr. R. N. Ranina, which occurred that morning. "The late Mr. Ranina," Mr. Thomson added, "having been employed in the service of the Corporation for upwards of 23 years, I felt confident that his death would be felt by the members of the Corporation, whom he served so conscientiously and so long. I beg to add that the combined duties will be carried on by me until a successor is appointed."

Mr. K. N. Kabraji moved "That the Standing Committee have received with regret intimation of the death of Mr. Nanabhai R. Ranina, who held the responsible post of Municipal Auditor uninterruptedly from 1876. That the letter, dated this day from Mr. A. Thomson, reporting the death of his colleague, Mr. Ranina, be forwarded to the Corporation, with a recommendation that the vacancy be filled up as soon as possible.

Mr. Kabrajee said that Mr. Ranina was besides being a Municipal Auditor a public-spirited citizen associated with almost all public institutions in the city, and his death had not only deprived the Municipality of an efficient officer, but also a very useful and valuable citizen. He knew Mr. Ranina from his childhood, and he could state from personal knowledge and experience that he always brought to bear his untiring zeal and assiduity on all public matters with which he had to deal. The deceased gentleman was a great educationist at one time, who gave an impetus to female education among the Parsees. He was in fact one of the pioneers of female education in Bombay.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned after the transaction of some other business.

A JAUNT IN JAPAN.

Intending visitors to Japan and the Far East will welcome the appearance of a new book on the subject, entitled "A Jaunt in Japan," recently published by Messrs. Thacker Spink and Company of Calcutta. This, the latest addition to the works dealing with that interesting country, is from the pen of Captain S. C. F. Jackson, D. S. O., D. A. A. G., Bombay Command, who availed himself of three months' leave last spring and went to and from Bombay in a steamer of the Messageries Maritimes Company. In this small volume of some 150 pages, we are told of the best way to get to Japan, what to see, both en route and when we are there, and we are given valuable information as to the choice of hotels and on the subject of expenses connected with a trip to the Far East generally.

In the earlier chapters, there are capital descriptions of Saigon, the capital of French Cochin China, and also of Hongkong and Canton with some good accounts of the peculiar habits of the Heathen Chinese. From Hongkong, the author, who explains how he had to forego the comforts of the French Mail steamer, continued his journey in a semi-English, semi-Japanese ship, which took him viz Shanghai to Japan, where he appears to have seen a great deal during his five-weeks' stay. Though fully realizing the beauties of the scenery through which he travelled, and appreciating the works of art with which that fascinating country abounds, Captain Jackson criticizes, perhaps somewhat severely, many of the results of the recent civilization of Japan. The author does not appear to have been at all favourably impressed with the manners of the modern Jap, whom he accuses of suffering from a disease, frequently known as "Swelled Head," and of having lost that polish and courteousness of manner which had gained for these people the "soubriquet" of the "Frenchman of the East." Captain Jackson had opportunities of seeing samples of the army and of the navy, the former at Nagoya, and the latter at Yokosuka, and was at Yokohama on the occasion of the Mikado's State visit. He also spent several days at Kioto, at Nikho, and at Tokio, and tells us what he saw at the Maple Club and at the theatre where Danjuro, the greatest actor in the country, was performing at the time.

We recommend any one who may be contemplating a visit to the Far East to obtain a copy of this very readable and eminently practical little book, and we believe it will also recall many pleasant memories to those who have already travelled in Japan.

THE MAHARAJA OF KOLHAPUR.

Yesterday morning his Highness Sir Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, G.C.S.I., Maharaja of Kolhapur, paid a State visit to his Excellency Lord Sandhurst, at Government House, Malabar Point. A guard-of-honour, consisting of one company of the 21st Regiment, Bombay Infantry, with band and colours, was drawn up in the compound of Government House. At a quarter-past 10 o'clock a deputation consisting of Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I.C.S., Private Secretary to the Governor, and Captain A. D. Young, Aide-de-Camp, left Government House in a State carriage-and-four an proceeded to the Maharaja's bungalow at Walkeshwar Road. A few minutes after the deputation escorted the Maharaja, who was accompanied by Colonel Wray, the Political Agent to the Government House ; Mr. Subnis, the Dewan, and Mr. Shrigvokar, the Revenue Councillor of Kolhapur State, and three other Sirdars, following his Highness in another carriage and four. On arriving at Government House, the guard-of-honour presented arms and the band played the National Anthem. A salute of nineteen guns was fired from the saluting battery, announcing the arrival of his Highness. The Maharaja on alighting from the carriage was received at the steps by Mr. S. W. Edgerley, C.S.I., I.S.C Secretary to Government in the Political Department, who conducted him to the Durbar Room. Here his Excellency the Governor received his Highness at the edge of the carpet and conducted him to a seat on his right, there being present Colonel Richard Owen, Military Secretary, Mr. Abbas Ali Baig, C.S., Oriental Translator to Government, and Captains Burkley-Levett and Greig, Aides-de-Camp. After conversation for a few minutes, Colonel Wray introduced the Kolhapur Sirdars to his They offered *nazars*, which were touched and remitted. After tha usual distribution of *pan atter* the Maharaja left Government House, for his bungalow, the same formality being observed as on his arrival. A similar number of guns ware fired on his departure.

CALCUTTA BALED JUTE ASSOCIATION.

THE LATE MR. W. B. MACTAVISH.

At the Special General Meeting of the Calcutta Baled Jute Association, held on Friday last, the Chairman, Mr. H. M. Ross referred in the following terms to the loss the Association had sustained by the death of the late Chairman of the Association Mr. W. B. Mactavish :—

Gentlemen,—Before approaching the business which is down for our consideration to-day, I will ask you to allow me time for a few words on a subject which I am sure is a painful one to all of us. At our Annual General Meeting, four months ago, standing, as now, in the place so long and so worthily occupied by our late Chairman, I had to lament his absence. To-day, standing once again in the place which, but for the breakdown, of his health, would have still been his, I have to lament his death. The connection of Mr. Mactavish with our Association dates from its first inception. We worked together in 1892 on the Provisional Committee from which this Association sprang, and he was one of my colleagues on the first regularly constituted Committee which was elected in August of that year. In March 1894, he was chosen to succeed my present partner, Mr. Backer, as your Chairman, and he occupied that position throughout until August last ; a period of five and a half years. In fact I may say that his connection with us ceased only with the advent of the agonising illnes which has now terminated his life. His services to this Association have been so constantly before you that I need not do more than briefly refer to his devotion to his self imposed duties, and to the conscientious, thorough, and able way, in which he carried them out. He was rarely absent from our Committee meetings, and his response to the many demands which his position as your Chairman made upon his time was always cheerful and ungrudging. He was in many respects an ideal Chairman, calm yet strict ; patiently attentive but always careful for the economy of our time ; with his sense of fairness was, as we all know, above reproach. If I may say all this of his public life, his private life is deserving of even higher commendation. It will assuredly never be said of "the Chief," as he was familiarly called, that he was other than incorruptible. His adherence to truth and honesty were so severely strict that, if he had a failing it lay in his inability to understand that all men were not as he was and in always expecting, to find in others the conscientiousness, the unswerving loyalty to truth, and the subordination of the love of gain to the love of fair trading which were his own most striking characteristics. Gentlemen, I am sure you will all echo my words, when I say that we are proud to have had for our Chairman a man of his undoubted rectitude and that this Association has gained in many ways from its long and close alliance with the stainless career of William Mactavish. It will be a graceful tribute to his memory if you will approve of and adopt the resolution which I have to read :—

"That the members of the Calcutta Baled Jute Association desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss they have sustained by the death of their late Chairman, Mr W. B. Mactavish, and would couple with their regret an expression of the great regard and esteem in which he was always held by those engaged in the trade with which his business career was identified."

Mr. W. R. Silkeman said :—Gentlemen, I wish to second the resolution. Mr. Ross has already told you of the very great loss we have sustained in the death of our late Chairman Mr. Mactavish and of all that the Association owes to him. I only wish to add my own personal appreciation of his very high character and great ability.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Secretary was instructed to convey a copy of the resolution to Mr. Duncan Mactavish the brother of the late Chairman.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

The following is the list of the sailing races which will be held in the afternoon of Saturday next, the 13th instant :—

First race for the Challenge Cup to start at 2-30. Course No. 7. Entries will close at noon to-day.

Ship's boats (service rig) handicap race, start at 3 o'clock. Course No. 14.

Yachts (class B) handicap race to be held if at least three yachts are entered start at 3-15. Course No 8.

"Tomtit class race to start at 3-30. Course No. 14.

Entries for the last three races close at noon on Friday, as usual.

THE MILITARY RESOURCES OF THE EMPIRE.

The great magnitude of the operations upon which we are engaged in South Africa, and the announcement made after the meeting of the National Defence Committee of the Cabinet that all the remaining portions of the Army Reserve will be called up, and that volunteers will be embodied from the Militia, the Yeomanry, and the Volunteers, make it as a matter of serious importance to inquire into the military resources of the Empire. There is, of course, behind all the regularly organised forces a great reserve of national strength, upon which we can draw if necessity arises. To what extent that reserve is available cannot be known until the time comes when its services may be required, and when the patriotism of the country arises to meet an emergency which we hope may never occur.

THE REGULAR ARMY.

The regular forces of the Crown have been steadily increased within the last two years, and the augmentation in fulfilment of the programme is still being made. The regimental establishments of all ranks, exclusive of India, were 147,398 in 1898-7 ; they rose in the next year to 160 139 ; and in 1899-1900 to 167,632, while in the coming financial year the contemplated strength is 173,442. The progress made towards the increased establishment may be seen from the fact that on January the 1st, 1899, the actual strength was 158,318. Last year nearly 10,000 men were added to the regular army, and the success seemed to point to the rapid and easy completion of the augmentation. Some caution is necessary, however, in accepting these figures as a gauge of what may be expected in future, because the increase is partly due to the return of some 4,500 Reservists to the colours. Steady progress has since been made in the work of enlistment, and since the war broke out the number of men who have presented themselves has been very considerable. In 1898 the total of recruits who joined was 38,418, but the percentage of those who entered under standard had increased from 25·4 in 1894 to 33·8.

Turning to the question of the complete establishment and effective of the British Regular Army, including troops in India and abroad, we find that at the beginning of this year, the former was 204 925 and the latter 204,077, leaving 848 to complete. The following are the effectives in rank and file of the principal branches and arms of the service :—Household Cavalry 1,032 ; Cavalry of the Line, 15,678 ; Royal Artillery, 34,894 ; Royal Engineers, 5,707 ; Foot Guards, 6,467 ; Infantry of the Line, 127,916 ; and Colonial (Imperial) Corps, 6,576.

THE ARMY RESERVE.

The Army Reserve is a vital element in the military organisation, which arose out of Mr. Cardwell's Enlistment Act of 1870, whereby the present short service system was introduced, and the effective reserve created.

Although the service of some men with the colours is protracted, the majority of them are merged in the Reserve at the conclusion of the period for which they engage. For practical purposes there is now only one class of the Reserve, for the second class, which was proposed for service only within the limits of the United Kingdom, has almost died out. There are four sections of the Reserve, to which men may or do belong. Section A includes reserve men of the Artillery, Infantry, Army Service Corps, and Army Medical Corps, who, at their discharge, have made a special engagement for foreign active service at any time within the next twelve months. Section B is the principal section, and includes all who are discharged from the line under regular conditions, while Section C is special to men transferred before the expiration of their actual period of service ; and Section D, which is now ordered to be called up is a special reserve of men who, at the termination of their ordinary reserve service have engaged for a further period of four years. It should be noted that Section D can only be embodied when the sections have been called out. The total number of Reserve men provided for in the Army Estimates as the probable maximum is this year, 90,000, but the effective as given with the Estimates was on January 1st, 78,833. The Inspector-General of Recruiting, basing his calculation at an earlier date upon a slightly smaller total strength, gave the following as the distribution of Reserve men among the various sections on January 1st :—A, 1,930 (this being a new force just raised under the Reserve Forces and Militia Act, 1898) ; B, 58,674 ; C, 2,000 ; D, 16,764. By far the larger proportion of the Reserve men are under thirty years of age, but the following are the exact figures presented in the Annual General Return : Under thirty, 45,039 ; thirty to thirty-five, 29,275 ; thirty-five to forty, 4,328 ; over forty, 136. Thus the Reserve men are all in the full vigour of manhood, and the experience of the present mobilisation has been that they have loyally fulfilled their obligation, while employers of labour throughout the country have been generally very ready to make provision for their return to work when the army no longer requires their services.

THE MILITIA AND MILITIA RESERVE.

Scarcely less important than the Reserve of the army is the Militia which is an old constitutional force, providing us with our nearest approach to conscription. It is not generally understood that there are really two classes of Militia—the general, or regular, and the local, though both would be enrolled in the same manner. As a matter of fact, the Militia is recruited from men who voluntarily enlist in its ranks for six years, with liberty to extend their service for four more. Within recent years the Militia has become

or upon which it can call for loyal co-operation. The following table, which includes both officers and men, indicates the regimental establishments of the Army, Army Reserve, and auxiliary forces, with the effective of all ranks, as given in the Army Estimates of the present year, the effective being based upon the latest returns :—

	Establishments.	Effectives.
Regular Forces (Regimental) Home and Colonial	176,309	157,863
Army Reserve, 1st Class	80,000	78,839
Militia, including Permanent Staff and Militia Reserve	192,572	110,960
Ditto, Channel Island	3,796	3,681
Ditto, Malta and Bermuda	2,731	1,941
Yeomanry (including Staff)	11,891	10,507
Volunteers (including Staff)	264,833	231,624
Total Home and Colonial Establishmen s	679,333	595,115
Regular Forces (Regimental) on Indian Establishment	73,157	74,467
Total	752,490	669,582

COLONIAL FORCES.

It is scarcely possible to estimate what forces the Colonies are able to put in the field, and this estimate of strength can, moreover, of course, take no account of the great army of India. It has of late been stated that there are, or presently will be, some 10,000 Volunteers available in Natal alone, and it is the characteristic of Colonial forces, consisting generally of excellent horsemen and keen shots, that they are expansive at need. The splendid qualities which have been displayed by Colonial troops in the present war have won the high encomiums of Sir George White and of other commanding officers, and it is not too much to say that they have been something of a revelation. Nearly all the Colonies have shown great zeal in organising local forces, and, though the "Army Book" describes these as a garrison to man the coast defences, maintain internal order, and meet minor land attacks, we have seen with what eagerness the Volunteers of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand have hastened to take their part in the military operations; and it is encouraging to know that their services are to be further utilised, and that the Commander-in-Chief in South Africa is authorised to continue to raise local mounted troops. The Canadian Militia number over 30,000, with a large reserve; the Victorian forces are over 6,000; in New South Wales there are about 10,000; and the other Australian Colonies have all useful forces, while in New Zealand there are about 7,000. The permanent force in the Cape Colony is the Cape Mounted Rifles, with field buns, and there are Volunteers and Frontier Rifles—such as the Diamond Field Horse; while at Cape Town, Kimberley and Port Elizabeth are various infantry corps. In Bechuanaland there are five troops of military police. But during the war the South African forces have been largely increased, and the increase is to be continued. Forces for local defence exist in nearly all our other Colonies, quite independently of Imperial troops. This survey of military strength would not be complete without an allusion to the forces raised by the Chartered Companies.—*Daily Graphic.*

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle & Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	8	2	12
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	16	3	47
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	26	6	52
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpaty, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmee	4	2	21
E Mamagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	19	10	81
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	2	0	13
G Mahim and Worli	1	0	9
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	9
Hospitals	0	27	49
Total	76	50	284
Total plague deaths to date	62,483	51,472	
Same date last year	48	30	139

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE RETURNS.

THE cases of plague and deaths therefrom reported to Government, during the week ending, 29th December, were as follows :—

Cities,	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	445	311
Karachi	1	1
Districts.		
Surat	19	9
Thana	42	38
Nasik	12	10
Poona (excluding City)	17	13
Satara	37	30
Sholapur	183	159
Ahmednagar	13	9
Kolaba	19	9
Ratnagiri	19	19
Belgaum	56	42
Dharwar	223	157
Bijapur	42	40
Kanara	10	5
Karachi (excluding City)	7	7
Hyderabad (Sind)	2	1
Political Agencies.		
Kolhapur	105	94
Cutch	2	2
Baroda territory	2	1
Sachin	2	1
Janjira	3	2
Alankot	5	4
Aundh	18	11
Bhor	14	13
Savanur	2	3
Europeans	22	2
Total	1,328	1,015
Week ending, Dec. 30	1,427	1,107
Total to week ending Nov. 22	364,573	286,118

Poona (including Cantonment), Ahmedabad, Panch Mahals, Kaira, Broach, Khandesh, Shikarpur, Upper Sind Frontier, Thar and Parkar, Kathiawar, Mahi Kantha, Rewa Kantha, Palanpur, Savantwadi, and Dharampur, have been free during the week.

GOLD IN CALCUTTA.

LANSDOWNE GOLD MEDAL.

THE annual competion for the Lansdowne Gold Medal, which was presented to the Golf Club by Lord Lansdowne in 1892, was brought to a conclusion on Saturday. The conditions were 18 holes by medal play over the maidan course and a moderate number of members took out cards; but, doubtles owing to the counter-attractions of the Tollygunge races the returns were not so numerous as usual. The winner turned up in Mr. T. Drimmie who continued to play in the remarkably steady form that he exhibited in the last few days of the championship and returned an excellent score of 84 from scratch. The returns other wise were poor, only two other score being under 90 but this may be accounted for by the out up condition of the maidan from the wheels of the guns on the New Year's days parade and also by the Light Horse tentpegging ground at the fourth and fifth holes on the old course. Only 18 cards were returned the details being as foll ows :—

Mr T Drimmie	84	scr	84
Mr D Youngson	90	2	88
Mr J F Finlay	100	12	88
Mr H R Carruthers	105	15	90
Mr C M Gray	94	2	92
Mr Norman McLeod	94	2	92
Mr L A Smith	101	8	93
Mr H C Begg	94	scr	94
Mr W R Stikeman	98	4	94
Mr A Duff	104	10	94
Mr W H Cheetham	97	2	95
Mr A J Dent	101	6	95
Mr W K Eddis	101	6	95
Mr D Pym	95	scr	95
Mr A M Usic	96	scr	96
Mr Reg Murray	108	10	98
Rev D Reid	105	4	100
Dr W Forsyth	106	2	104

LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

Through the courtesy of the Tollygunge Club, an Allied Pairs Handicap Match was played on Friday over their course by the Ladies' Golf Club. The match was a most enjoyable one giving a greater test of the driving powers of the ladies than their own course can. The following are the details of the match :—

Mrs Lovelock and Mr T Drimmie	54	1	53
Mrs Lamond Walker and Mr George Walker	54	1-2	53 1-2
Mrs D S Murray and Mr D S Murray	57	scr	57
Mrs Firminger and Mr L Walker	58	scr	58
Miss Ethel Smith and Mr F H Stewart	53	scr	53
Mrs Ker and Mr H C Begg	61	scr	61
Mrs Reg Murray and Mr Reg Murray	67	5	62
Lady Jenkins and Lord Suffolk	70	scr	70

On Wednesday morning Lady Sandhurst, who is a most keen golfer, played in a four-some twice round the course, with Mrs. Ker, against Lady Jenkins, and Mrs. Lamond Walker. She expressed herself delighted with the little course, remarking that the greens were the best she had seen in India.—"Statesman."

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

JUTE AND FLAX TRADE.

SHIPPING IN LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

GENERALLY speaking, 1899 has been a prosperous period in Dundee and district. Workpeople in every branch of industry have enjoyed steady employment, and wages have been good. The staple industry, jute, has had rather an eventful career during the year. At the commencement of 1899 the jute trade was depressed. The raw material was cheap, firsts being obtainable at £11. 10s. to £12, and the prevalent feeling was that production had overtaken consumption. That state of matters, however, did not last long, and the year closes with a totally different tale. Jute was a short crop, and prices at once began to move up, whilst buyers of jute goods appeared from all the great consuming markets. Unfortunately, the new jute has proved not only deficient in quantity, but unsatisfactory in quality, and prices have steadily risen until firsts are now £14, if not more, and really good jute, like Ralli's Block D, is £17 per ton. The demand for jute goods has kept steadily up, and production has been readily taken off. In fact the closing weeks of the year have seen the jute industry in a very flourishing condition, increased in great measure by large buying for the Argentine, where the free importation of jute goods is in the meantime allowed. The keen competition of Calcutta and the Continent notwithstanding, Dundee has this year held its own. The employes last week got an advance of 5 per cent. on their wages all over the trade, and the year closes with order books well filled into the spring months.

The story of the flax trade during the year has been even more remarkable. In the earlier months the price for Livonian Riga K flax was £13. 15s.; to-day £21. 10s. is paid, and as high as £23 is asked in some instances. The destruction by fire of two important flax-spinning mills in Arbroath within the past few weeks was most inopportune, and greatly intensified the scarcity of yarns. Consequently prices of these have steadily risen, but certainly not yet in proportion to the rise in cost of the raw material. The increase cost of labour also has had an effect, as all wages are 5 per cent. higher. The year, however, closes with an active demand for linen goods. Order books are full—too full, in fact, as quotations are now much higher than they were when much of the linen now on order was sold. Everything, therefore, points to higher quotations; indeed, some leading houses have issued fresh lists raising prices from 5 to 7 1-2 per cent. But with the present rates for flax even these figures do not leave much of a profit for the manufacturer. To sum up, it may be stated that those who held large stocks have enjoyed a very prosperous year; but the reverse has been the case with manufacturers who "sold forward," especially those who did not replenish their stores of raw material in good time. The reverses in South Africa have the effect, curiously enough, of strengthening the Dundee linen trade. The Government have already been large buyers of nearly all kinds of linen goods, and the prolongation of hostilities will vastly increase demands for all kinds of Government stores. Other trades and industries have also been carried off successfully during the year. A large amount of house property has been erected, and consequently masons, carpenters, and kindred tradesmen have enjoyed steady and remunerative employment. A satisfactory state of matters has also existed at the ship-building yards. The year's new tonnage amounts to 17,941, against 14,630 for the previous year, an increase of 3,311 tons.

An example of the purposes, inimical to British industry and trade, which the unguarded and sometimes unfounded statements of British officials are made to serve occurs in an article recently published in "El Comercio," of New York. This journal circulates in Mexico and other Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America. The article deals chiefly with the collection of reports from the Governors of British Colonies issued some time ago by the Colonial Office on foreign competition in their respective territories with English manufactures. Of the general tenour of the reports it is said that they enforce the conviction that "England is rapidly losing her commercial supremacy even in her own colonies, since they now import from other countries the greater part of the manufactures they consume. The reason of such decadence seems to be that producers in other countries are more advanced than the English and lose no possible opportunity of extending their business relations." Readers of the reports are of course aware that this is an exaggerated summary of their general tenour, but there was in them so much of unwarrantable assertion adverse to British trading and industrial efficiency that this sweeping inference is not greatly surprising. Among the details extracted from the reports in support of the inference is one to the effect that English sewing cotton is losing ground in the colonial markets because of its inferior quality and the clumsy and unattractive way in which it is made up. Everyone knows that in both respects English sewing cotton stands pre-eminent all over the world. This is but one example of the misrepresentations thoughtlessly propagated in official papers, which are eagerly seized upon abroad in order to damage the reputation of British manufactures. They do little harm perhaps amongst distributors through whose hands our productions regularly pass, but their incessant propagation can hardly fail to have some injurious consequences amongst ill-informed communities.

The American railway companies continue to show increasing traffic earnings notwithstanding that comparisons are now being made with increases in the corresponding periods of last year. Almost the only exceptions to the rule are said to be lines chiefly dependent on the cotton crop, and the diminished traffic in these cases is regarded as evidence of the shortness of the crop. A few other lines are showing decreases owing to one special cause or another, but they are not numerous. Increased dividends are being declared; thus, for the Hocking Valley Railway, an enterprise which was recently reorganised, a first dividend of 1 1-2 per cent, payable in January, on the preference stock was lately declared. The Pittsburg, Bessemer, and Lake Erie line has also announced its first distribution at the rate of 3 per cent on its preferred stock. The Chicago and North-Western has increased its rate of distribution on its ordinary shares from 5 to 6 per cent per annum, and the St. Paul and Omoha dividend on the ordinary shares has been raised to 5 per cent. The semi-annual dividend on the preferred A stock of the Chicago Great Western Company has been raised from 2 to 2 1-2 per cent. The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company also continues to improve its showing. In January last it made a first payment on its preferred stock, the rate being 1 per cent. In July 1 1-4 per cent was distributed, and another similar dividend of 1 1-4 per cent was promised for January. It is now announced that this distribution will be increased to 1 1-2 per cent. The dividend comes out of the earnings of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, and with the 1 1-4 per cent. paid last July makes 2 3-4 per cent. altogether for that year. The 2 3-4 per cent. calls for dols. 3,140,051, while the surplus available on the operations of the twelve months was dols. 4,187,997, thus leaving a balance of dols. 1,047,946.

The accident which happened to the "up" Irish mail train near Norton Bridge Station, on the London and North-Western Railway, early on the morning of the 8th inst., affords another addition to the numerous instances of the danger and folly of employing open wagons for the conveyance of general merchandise by railway. This accident was undoubtedly caused by the mail train running into a bale of wool which had fallen from a preceding "up" goods train on the parallel line, and fouled the passenger road, with the result that some of the vehicles of the mail train left the metals and toppled over on to the goods line where they were run into by a following goods train, one passenger being killed and many others injured, besides much damage being done to the rolling stock, permanent way, &c., whilst considerable delay was caused to the working of the traffic. Had the bale been loaded in a box wagon, this accident could not possibly have occurred, and the company would have escaped the expenditure by way of compensation, cost of repairs, renewals &c., sufficient to pay for the construction of, probably, thirty or more box trucks. Of course, the cost of a box wagon is greater than that of an open one, but the saving to be effected by the exclusive employment of the former class of vehicle in the conveyance of general merchandise would very soon exceed the difference in price. By the use of open trucks, railway companies have to expend large sums of money in the making or purchase of the necessary sheets, which very soon become unserviceable, in wages to the men employed in covering and uncovering the loads, and in claims for goods damaged through leaky sheets, and careless sheeting, or otherwise damaged through falling off the wagons, or coming in contact with passing trains. In addition to these heavy expenses, there are the risks of such accidents as that at Norton Bridge, which are not of infrequent occurrence, also of damage by fire through the tarpaulins and loads becoming ignited by sparks from engines, &c. Taking all these matters into consideration, it should be clear to the railway companies that there is both economy in working, and greater safety ensured by the use of box wagons exclusively for the conveyance of general merchandise. In America, the use of gondola cars for that class of freight is unknown, even grain in bulk being loaded in box cars.

The general prosperity of the country reported on all hands has been fully shared by Liverpool shipowners. Throughout the year cargo has been plentiful, and freights have consequently ruled at very satisfactory figures, with the result that shipping companies have been enabled to pay dividends showing considerable enhancement over those of recent years. The strike of sailors and firemen which was attempted in September proved abortive, one reason for this collapse being that the men appeared to have entered upon the strike without any adequate preparation in the direction of accumulated funds. At all events it collapsed very speedily, and shipowners suffered a minimum of inconvenience, no important vessel having been delayed in her departure. The outbreak of the war with the Transvaal, causing, as it did a demand for transports, a good proportion of which were supplied from Liverpool, would no doubt in ordinary circumstances have exercised an important influence upon the rates of freight in view of the withdrawal from their ordinary purposes of steamers engaged in regular trades. The anticipated rise, however, did not take place, the explanation being that at the time in question cotton, which is usually forthcoming in large quantities from the American States, was not sent forward. Owners of sailing ships appear also to have benefited by the general trade conditions, and the year closes with freights at a distinctly remunerative level, with dock quays crowded with goods, and a general activity which has not been witnessed for a considerable number of years past.

The "Reichsanzeiger" publishes the following: At a meeting of the Central Committee of the German Imperial Bank, Dr. Koch, the director, discussing the present financial situation, said that the position of the Imperial Bank had never before been so strained at the same period of the year. After the great tension of this autumn the reflux since November had been insufficient, notwithstanding that the Bank rate had been raised to 6 per cent on October 3. Other securities had further increased since November by 107,200,000 marks, the increase last week being 39,000,000 marks; while in the corresponding week of last year they decreased by 7,000,000 marks. They were now 213,000,000 marks more than on the same date in 1898 and 352,000,000 marks more than in 1897, but were 21,000,000 less than December 31, 1897, there being an increase between December 15 and December 31 in that year of 234,000,000. If there should be a corresponding increase in the last half of the present month it was to be expected that a total of 1,306,000,000 marks under the head of "other securities" would be reached. The stock of bullion, on the other hand in spite of a considerable influx of gold into the Bank both from Germany and from abroad, had seriously diminished, and was 57,000,000 less than in 1898 and 127,000,000 less than in 1897. Notwithstanding the rise in foreign money, after an excess for twelve weeks in succession of the limit of note issue free of taxation there was still an excess to the value of 50,000,000 marks, whereas in the previous year a note reserve of 36,727,000 marks had accumulated. In the open market the rate of private discount for several days had reached the Bank rate, and ultimo money had been taken on the Berlin Bourse at 8 3-4 per cent. Add to that the fact that the foreign exchanges, especially the London market, reached a height which certainly so far, however, had prevented an appreciable flow of gold to foreign countries. The Bank of England rate at the end of November was increased to the minimum of 6 per cent, while private discount was a half higher and the discount rate of the Saxon Bank at the same time had reached 6 1-2 per cent. Under these conditions the further increase of the discount rate of the Imperial Bank by at least 1 per cent, in order to be effective, could not be avoided.

The attitude of the Bank of France makes it evident that we shall obtain little gold from that quarter, and Germany cannot spare any. But we may be content to look to the United States for a continuance of that relief which has commenced. We have reason to believe, in any case, that the directors of the Bank of England are satisfied that the measures they have taken to attract gold will suffice. It is well that this is so. The diminution of the reserve and the increase in the liabilities of the Bank have led to a reduction of no less than 5 3-8 points in the proportion of the reserve to the liabilities; and during the coming week there will probably be the usual outflow of gold to the country, and a continuance of the outflow to Argentina, accompanied by further borrowing by the market. It is a good sign that the Bank is putting no impediment in the way of borrowing; that it is lending freely, as this week's return amply shows. Nevertheless, we have to face the fact that at this time last year the proportion of reserve to liabilities was 48 per cent., and it is now 37 per cent. Not only Stock Exchange operators but operators in the Money market as well will be thankful when the year has been closed.

It is now stated that the Argentine wool season will terminate in January, the estancieros having been eager to realise the high prices offering, and an unusually large quantity having been sold outside this year. The central market is closed, its warehouses being full. The quantity of wheat exported to November 20 was over 1,600,000 tons, and a large quantity still remained to go forward. The area of wheat-growing land is much larger than that of last year, and the crop prospects are excellent, rain having fallen just when it was wanted. Flax cutting had commenced, and the crop of linseed promised to be unusually good both in quantity and quality. The losses of agriculturists from locusts and hailstorms had been much exaggerated.

Referring to the rumours of an alliance between the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, and Pennsylvania Railroad Companies, to which we lately called attention, the New York "Commercial and Financial Chronicle" says that the evidence in its support has lately seemed to be a vanishing quantity. The various authorities most likely to have information on the subject have been very reticent. At the same time "there appears to be good reason for believing that an understanding has been reached between the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania roads whereby these two great properties, which traverse very largely the same territory, will be operated harmoniously. There will be no alliance, but there will be a maintenance of rates that will be of advantage not only to the interests of those two companies but to all the trunk lines."

Rouen advices report that business in grey and coloured cotton piece goods has continued to manifest in that centre the activity recently recorded. Additional orders have been received by manufacturers for the goods most in demand, and without change from the latest advanced quotations. Amongst the goods most inquired for, and of which stocks are most depleted, grey cloths are conspicuous, notwithstanding the present activity of production. The pressure for power-loom goods is having an influence in stimulating demand for hand-loom fabrics, makers of which, in consequence of great improvements in their industry, are now in a position to offer goods, especially rouenneries and handkerchiefs, of a very attractive character and on acceptable terms.

THE construction of the Pamban Railway is being proceeded with as rapidly as possible. The survey operations of the proposed extension of the railway over the Island of Rameswaram and the Pamban reef have been completed and the construction work of this part of the line is being proceeded with also. Tirupachetti has been fixed as the point from where he branch line of ten miles to Sivagunga is to start. It will pass through a highly cultivated district, and command a considerable amount of traffic.

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BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

A MEETING of the trustees of the Port of Bombay' held on the 4th January.

Read letter from the traffic Manager, dated 15th December, submitting for ordrrs an application from Mr. Robert Wonckhaus, dated Linga, 29th November, for refund of part of the Port Trust extra fees, amounting to Rs. 660, levied on a consignment of 72 cases Assafœtida; saying that the consignment in question was landed at Carnac Bunder on the 30th May, 1899, and remained there until transhipped on the 11th October, 1899, when the following charges became due:—Half Import and half Export wharfage fees Rs. 18-0-0, 37 extra fees, Rs. 666-0-0, total Rs. 684 0-0 that the Assafœtida was originally shipped from Linga, Persian Gulf, to Bombay for transhipment to Hamburg, but as no vessel could be found to take it, it had to be returned to Linga, much time having been lost meanwhile, and recommending that one-third of the extra fees charged, or Rs. 222, be remitted as a special case. The Bombay Committee propose to accept the traffic Manager's recommendation to remit and refund one-third of the amount of extra fees charged, or Rs. 222, which was agreed to subject to the approval of Government.

WHARF ACCOMMODATION.

The Trustee's Resolution, dated 4th April, 1899 sanctioning Rs. 1,700 for the removal of rock co make additional wharf accommodation at "K" shed, Prince's Dock, for Messrs. Shepherd and Company's coasting steamers was submitted as was a note by the Secretary, dated 5th December, saying that the expenditure to date (exclusive of Engineering, charges) on the work sanctioned in the Trustees' Resolutions quoted above has been Rs. 2,476, or an excess of Rs. 776. A letter was read from the Engineer reporting that the work of removing the rock off the north end of "K" shed has been completed and that no further expenditure will be necessary, and explaining fully the cause of the excess over the sanctioned expenditure.—Sanctioned.

MAZAGON RECLAMATION.

A letter was read from the Engineer, dated 6th December, requesting sanction to take in hand the work of making Cross roads near the Sand Basin, Mazagon Reclamation a note was read by the Chairman, saying that Rs. 3,444 have been provided under works debitable to Capital of the current years budget for the construction of Cross roads near the Sand Basin on the Mazagon Reclamation, and proposing that sanction may now be recorded to the plan and estimate, the latter amounting to Rs. 3,444, and that the Engineer be authorised to undertake the works, adding that the road D. G. has been completed in anticipation of sanctions that bungalow 49 and 51 have been sold for Rs. 1,200 for removal as approved, dated 13th December and that the Collector of Customs has been addressed as regards removal of bungalow No. 50. The Chairman's proposal and proceedings were approved.

SHELTER FOR CUSTOMS' OFFICIALS.

A letter was read from the Collector of Customs and Opium dated 2nd November, forwarding correspondence regarding the proposal to erect corrugated iron roofs at the Export and Import gates, Carnac Bunder, similar to those erected over the gateways at Prince's and Victoria Docks, to afford protection to the gate and peon staff during the dry as well as the wet season, expressing the opinion that it would be a good thing if they were put up, as the peons have to be on duty there from sunrise to sunset in the open.

The proceedings of the Bunders Committee were read saying that there is no doubt that inspection will be better done if shelter is provided at both the Import and Export gates leading to and from the Carnac Bunder, and proposing that shelter similar to those provided at the Dock's gates, be provided for the Import and Export gates at a cost of Rs. 709 each, or Rs. 1,418 for the two; the; shelters should be constructed of cast-iron posts, wrought-iron trusses, and covered with corrugated iron sheets, and that the expenditure may be treated as a Revenue charge debitable to Contingent Works. Bunder Properties of the Budget, but as the amount provided under this head has already been fully utilised. The recommendation of the Bunders Committee were approved and sanctioned.

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 29th Dec. 1899.	Total from 1st April to 29th Dec. 1899.	For week ending 30th Dec. 1898.	Total from 1st April to 30th Dec. 1898.
Vessels piloted into harbour	18	746	18	750
Do. do. out of do.	13	742	22	744
Do. transported	15	506	10	528
Do. attended to	3	44	...	57
Do. warped	...	49	...	47

THE BANDRA TRAIN SERVICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Allow me to bring to the notice of the authorities of the B. B. & C. I. Ry. Co. the great inconvenience the passengers of the up Borivli local train, that leaves the Bandra station at 9-37 a.m., Bombay time, as express, have to undergo.

Owing to the daily increase of the number of plague cases and deaths within the limits of the Bombay Municipality, several people have been shifting to Bandra and the up-stations. Most of these avail themselves of this fast train, which is now-a-days so much overcrowded, that it can, without any hesitation, be said that the number of passengers in almost every third and second class compartment exceeds 15.

I should also think, it would be a precaution against catching plague if better accommodation is made for the passengers by attaching more carriages to the trains running from 7 to 11 a.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m.—Yours, &c.,

D. B. KOTWAL.

Bandra, Jan. 10.

MILITARY NOTES.

GENERAL SIR POWER PALMER, Commanding the Forces Punjab, arrives at Mian Mir to-day, and leaves to-morrow evening for Ferozepore, where he remains till Saturday. On Saturday evening, he will arrive at Multan, where he remains till the 18th, when he will return to Lahore. From Lahore he will visit Wazirabad and Sealkote, arriving at Rawalpindi on the 22nd instant.

Major-General Tyler, Inspector-General of Artillery, arrived at Calcutta yesterday.

Lieutenant Carter from Oxfordshire Light Infantry has been appointed Transport Officer, Malakand Force, in place of Captain Macnamara, 13th Bombay Infantry, who has resigned.

Lieutenant Jacob, 29th Bombay Infantry, has been detailed for famine duty in Rajputana.

The following appointments have been made :—

1st Punjab Cavalry.—Lieutenant Souter, to be Squadron Officer.

17th Bengal Infantry.—Lieutenant Williams, to be Wing Officer.

14th Madras Infantry.—Capain Howe, from 6th Madras Infantry, to be Officiating Wing Commander.

19th Bombay Infantry.—Second-Lieutenant Hitchins, from the 2nd Bombay Lancers, to be Officiating Wing Officer.

The whole of the 10th Bombay Infantry will be located at Ahmedabad on return from Aden instead of being divided between Ahmedabad and Rajkot. The duties at Rajkot will be taken by a wing of the 13th Bombay Infantry from Deesa.

Officers commanding stations at which there is no commissariat officer are now authorised to sign credit notes for the despatch of stores by rail in order to avoid the delay and inconvenience of obtaining them from another station.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

ROYAL SCOTS VS. K. S. L. I.

THE Officers of the Royal Scots and Shropshire Lt. Infantry tried conclusions at football on the Ghorpuri ground on Tuesday evening. The game was a well contested one and was watched with interest by a large number of persons including several ladies. The officers of the Shropshire Light Infantry were at Home on the ground, and entertained those of their friends who came out to witness the match.

Though playing very spiritedly nothing of particular note occurred during the first ten minutes or a quarter of an hour's work. Either side took it in turn to press in, but nothing was scored. The situation, however, was far from being dull, as the high kicking of Carreg, the Shropshire goal-keeper, and several amusing spills among the players helped to keep things lively. The Forwards did most of the skirmishing during this half, Rundle and Masefield being especially noticeable on the Shropshire side. The latter were able to get in their opponents' goal several times in succession. Davie more than once was closely pressed and had to save his charge which he did right well. When half time sounded nothing had been scored and the parties had to try again. In the second period the Shropshires had better luck, Rundle carried the ball well along the line and eluding Scott and Colet, edge, centred beautifully to Markham who netted the ball. Dryde assisted by Tweedie then brought the sphere back, and Carreg passed some lively moments, at once ring out. Just saving his charge by throwing out a deadly. Cockrane the end was neared, however, the Scots worked up a dead ridge coming and pressed their opponents rapidly, Cockrane made a couple of grand runs and Colet ball into the into possession on one occasion got the sphere into the net. This equalised matters, but the Scots continued to press the attack vigorously and were as strenuously resisted. Just before time was called the Shrops managed to add to their score, Penton threw in and Lely touched the sphere into the net with his foot as it sped along. Thus when time sounded the score stood Shropshires 2 goals to Royal Scots one goal.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA.

CONSIDERABLE curiosity has been aroused concerning the new style of performance which is to be introduced to Bombay play goers by those enterprising managers Mr. Charlie Taylor and Miss Ella Carrington-Musical Extravaganza, as they pronounce it, is a combination of farcical comedy, musical play, and comic opera or pantomime. It is a great improvement upon burlesque, for it has a plot; and, being written in prose instead of verse, gives the performers more latitude ofr "the little bit extra" that comes with constant repetition of the same performance. It also serves as a vehicle to introduce selections from musical plays and comic operas, very often containing the gems of at east a dozen successful musical pieces. Musical Extravaganza admits of very elaborate and expensive costumig, and in this respect Frolicksome Faust is said to be a splendid example, for the dresses worn by the leading characters are both handsome and effective. This new style of play has quite deposed burlesque, and bids fair to be the most fashionable and successful of all forms of light entertainments in which comedy and music play prominent parts. During the three years that the Taylor-Carrington management have been visiting Bombay they have given local play goers very great variety in the way of amusement, and we cordially wish them success in their new undertaking which no doubt is a very costly one. In consequence of the shortness of the season Frolicksome Faust will be played for one night only, and to-morrow Friday night the management purpose producing the favorite emotional drama East Lynne.

HIGH COURT.—JANUARY 11.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

529-98—Madhowjee Virjee—Jamnadas Purshotum vs Goswami Sari Girdharilaljee Tricumlaljee Maharaj—Wadia and G—Part heard.

521-99—R P Bharucha Jehangir—Merwanjee Motisha and others vs Hormasjee Aderjee Kanga and others—M M Saklatwalla.

118-99—Ardeseir H and D Hajee Mahomed Hajee Jeewa vs Esmail Spinner and others—Payne G S. & Co.

99-99—Payne G S and Co.—Jacob Elias Sasson and others vs Sir Jehangir Cowasjee Jehangir Ready Money Knight and others—Pestonjee R. and K.

459-97-97—Dikshit and D—Motiram Sakalchand vs Ruttonbai and others—Little and Co.

527-33—Crawford B and Co—Vithaldas Narrondas and another vs Purshotumdas Nagindas and others—Chitnis M and M.

495-98—Little and Co—Anandarao Venayeck and others vs Peter Pereira and another—K J Mantri and E F Nicholson for Government.

In the matter of Land Acquisition Act I of 1894. and in the matter of Government and Dayal Muljee—Payne G S and Co for Dayal Muljee.

Long Cause.

182-98—Shamrao P.—Tajbhoy Thowarbhoy and others vs Meghjee Bhimjee and others—Shamrao P.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice RUSSELL.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Testamentary Suits.

28-98—Edgelow G and W—Jamanbai widow and others v Bai Ujain widow—Hiralal M and M.

30-99—Chitnis M and M—Karsondas Gheliabhai vs Dulubram Sambumal Desai—Smetham B and N.

23-99—In person—Yakobethbai widow vs Ballahobabai—Daphtary and F.

32-99—Mansuklal D and J—Bhicajee wife of Burjorjee D Lam vs Burjorjee Sorabjee Ashburner—Pestonjee R and K.

35-99—Smetham B and N—Vithabai alias Chandro Chagabai vs Khunderao Sitaram Mahajan—Payne G S and Co.

24-97—Ardeshir H and D—Madhowjee Shivjee vs Pooribai widow—Payne G S and Co.

Commercial Cause.

636-99—Hiralal M and M—Raja Luchmandas Radha Kison C H vs Hajee Mahomed Ibrahim Hajee Karimbux

For trial of Preliminary Issue.

580-99—Muljee and K—Luxmibai vs Vassonjee Madhowjee and others—Little and Co.

Testamentary Suits.

37-99—Payne G and S—Shamjibhai Akhai vs Chagbai and another—Little and Co.

22-99—Manshuklal D and J—Chabildas Harkisondas and others vs Nansi Gowri Hiralal M and M.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CROWE.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

For Investigation of Pauperism.

5-99—Sorabjee and J—Narayen Mooljee vs Cullianjee Bhimjee and another—Tyabjee D and Co.

61-99—Tyabjee D and Co—Rassoobai widow vs Zoolekhabai Bhaishanker and K.

Long Causes.

154-99—Mansukhlal D and J—Trevenibai vs L W G Rivett-Carnac—Little and Co.

685-99—A H Dinshaw Edaljee Burjorjee Dajina vs Pestonjee Shapurjee Naraiewala—Pestonjee R and K.

614-98—Sorabjee and J—Fukroodin Khan Alias Fuckoo Miya bin Hajee Khan vs Mahomed Hoosein bin Miya Hajee Abdool Cader Nowrungay and others—Payne G S and Co.

256-99—Manshuklal D and J—Caitano Camillo Borges vs Augusto Mathias Pinto—Sorabjee and J.

214-98—Ardeshir H and D—Jamsetjee Nasserwanjee Tata vs The Ahmedabad Advance Spg and Wg Co Ld and another—Nanu and H, Bhaishanker and K.

448-98—Wadia and Co—Purshotum Shewji vs Khatao Dedhar and another—Bhaishanker and K.

508-99—Bhaishunker and K—Khatao Dedhar vs Purshetum Shewjee—Wadia and Co.

76-98—Mansukhlal D and J—Bai Dahi Alias Navivahu vs Hurgowandas Jeewandas—Muljee and B and Little and Co.

271-99—Sorabjee and J—Phiroz Ruttonjee Watcha vs Framrose Jamshed Aga—Daphtary and F.

387-98—Sorabjee and J—Abdool Hoosein Nujmudin vs Framrose Jamshed Aga—Daphtary and F.

48 6-98—Daphtary and F—Abdool Hoosein Nujmudin vs Framrose Jamshed Aga—Sorabjee and J.

508-99—Daphtary and F—Framrose Jamshed Aga vs Abdool Hoosein Nuzmudin—Sorabjee and J.

32-99-99—Craigie L and O—The Commercial Bank of India Ld vs Dulabhdas Balmukandas.

350-99—Craigie L and O—The Commercial Bank of India vs Girdharidas Ganshamdas and others.

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WRITERS AND READERS.

We are, after all, to have an English translation by Mr. Ernest Vizetelly of Zola's new novel, "Fecondite." As will be remembered, Mr. Vizetelly felt that the book as it stood could hardly be translated for English readers. Since then he and zola's English publishers, Messrs. Chatto, have received the novelist's authority for an edited translation. Mr. Vizetelly is now engaged in preparing this—"Fruitfulness" the English title will be—and he is also to write an introduction.

A series of Dickens illustrations with descriptive notes by Mr F.G. Kitton is about to be issued in a portfolio by Mr. George Redway. These illustrations now reproduced for the first time, are facsimiles of studies and sketches by Cruikshank, "Phiz," Leech, Mr. Marcus Stone, and Mr. Luke Fildes. Then, Mr. Elliot Stock has in the press a new Dickens volume from the pen of Mr. Kitton. It deals with the minor writings of the novelist, and will appear in the Book-Lover's Series. The book is a pendant to another by Mr. Kitton on the novels of Charles Dickens, which appeared two years ago.

An interesting item of news reaches us relative to large publishing plans in America. By a friendly arrangement the partnership between Mr. S. S. McClure and Mr. F. D. Doubleday, constituting the Doubleday and McClure Company, will be dissolved. Mr. Doubleday will continue in business on his own account. A general book business will be carried on by Mr. McClure, who, in addition to this enterprise and the management of the magazine which bears his name, will establish a new illustrated review and found an encyclopædia on modern lines. Mr. Robert McClure, so well known in the London book world, will hereafter represent only the S. S. McClure Company and its interests.

Mr. Arthur Waugh has finished a volume on Browning for the Westminster Biographies, a series which Messrs. Kegan Paul will begin to publish early in the new year. The purpose of these monographs is to present in short compass pictures of some of the great personalities of our time. They will seek to set out the things essential to the understanding of a leader in thought or action, avoiding what is of minor importance. It is on such lines that Mr. Waugh has written this monograph, and in particular he gives it a certain historical setting. The book will have a portrait of Browning and like the volumes to follow it a vignette of Westminster Abbey on the title-page.

Dr. Spence the Dean of Gloucester has written a book which more or less outlines the story of church architecture. This story is given locality and directness by evidence and example taken from Gloucester Cathedral. Thus, if the history the symbolism of some feature of church-building be under consideration Gloucester Cathedral supplies the necessary illustration. The Queen and Princess Beatrice have accepted advance copies of the book which it should be added Messrs. Dent will publish. The title is, "The White Robe of Churches" a quotation from a sentence of which a French Benedictine monk was the author, "The earth awoke from its] slumber and put on a white robe of churches."

Daudt tells of a Provencal piper who made delightful music at Mountmajour but at Paris where the proper surroundings did not exist appeared only contemptible. It has seemed to an American literary man Mr. Justin H. Smith that the poems of the troubadours suffer in the same way. One judged them not only apart from their music but what was more unfortunate a part from the circumstances of their time. Accordingly, Mr. Smith taking the troubadours as the founders of modern literature, modern music, and modern intellectual culture in general has made a study of them"at home."The result of this attempt to reconstruct the world of the troubadours is expressed in a book which Messrs. Putnam are just publishing.

An English translation of a novel by aPolish writer Miss Marya Rodziewicz, is being published by Messrs. Jarrold. The translation is made by Count de Soissons, who also writes a preface to the story. "Desiring," he says, "to destroy the false ideas concerning the Russian Empire that have become so deeply rooted in the minds of most persons, we decided that the best way to accomplish our purpose would be by a novel based on life in Siberia." This is the novel, which has the title "Anima Vilis," and is described as a tale of the great Siberian Steppe. Miss Rodziewicz, it appears, is the owner of a large estate in Zmudz, a former province of Poland.

An old and curious volume, detailing the travels in Spain of a French lady, Baroness Aulnoy, is to be revived by Messrs, Putnam. The book has been reprinted from the second edition of 1692, and has an introduction and notes by Mr. Archer M. Huntingdon. The Baroness was a woman of varied life, but however occupied, she was always witty, caustic, observant. She could make a wise remark cleverly as thus, "It is not sufficient to write things that are true; they must seem probable to gain belief." "Ingenious and diverting" is exactly the phrase for the letters of the Baroness, although she used it who should not. Authors might frankly advertise themselves in her day, as again when she calls her narrative the "truest and best" on Spain and its Court.

Anybody wishing to find the people who have been most prominent on the world's carpet during the year now closing cannot do better than refer to the annual album of "Vanity Fair" cartoons. This volume is just ready, and very emphatically does it answer the fear, which has been sometimes expressed, that subjects really worthy of the cartoon might fail. "Jehu Junior" tells us, indeed, that two "Vanity Fair" cartoons of the year have had sales not equalled before. One was "Spy's" speaking likeness of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, the other M. Guth's happy picture of the unhappy Captain Dreyfus. The little memoirs that accompany the pictures are always keen and informing. The album is quite a book for Christmas.

The plates from which Miss Cholmondeley's popular novel "Reb Pottage" were being printed were destroyed in the fire at Messrs. Ballantyne's. The story had, therefore, to be re-set, and this was done with such dispatch that the supply of copies was never interrupted. Of the fiction and other contributions to the number of the "Anglo-Saxon Review," which was printing, Lady Randolph Churchill fortunately had complete proofs. The number is now being re-set, and its appearance will not be delayed much beyond the date previously arranged. Two novels will be published by Messrs. Chatto immediately after Christmas. One is Mr. Fergus Hume's story. "The Lady from Nowhere," the other Mr. Algernon Gissing's story "A Secret of the North Sea." A new novel by Mr. Thomas Nelson Page will shortly be published by Mr. Heinemann, who has other novels nearly ready. These include one from the pen of Miss Annie E. Holdsworth entitled "The Valley of the Great Shadow."

Mr. Robert Barr has re-christened the book which Messrs. Chatto are soon to publish for him. He is calling it "The Unchanging East," instead of "The East While You Wait"—an improvement, certainly. Another book which Messrs. Chatto have in the press tells the Old Country reader much about the Canadian North-West. The author is Mr. E. B. Osborn. Mr. Dent will early in the New Year, add two more volumes to the Haddon Hall Library, which is edited by the Marquis of Granby and Mr. G. A. B. Dawar. The new volumes treat of fox-hunting and cricket and golf. "The Stage as a Career" is a volume that Messrs. Putnam will publish in January. It is by Mr. F. G. Hubert, and is a "sketch of the actor's life, its requirements, hardships, and rewards." The first volume in Mr. Heinemann's new geographical series, "The World in 1900," will be upon the subject "Britain and the North Atlantic." It is by the editor of the series, Mr. H. J. Mackinder.

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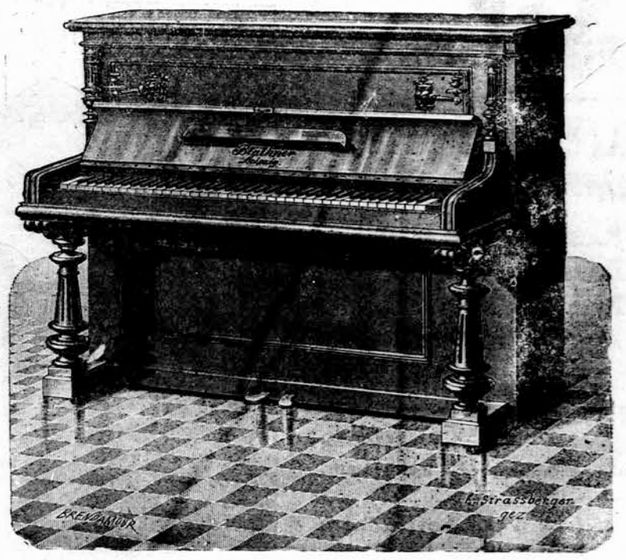

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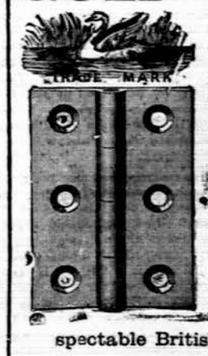

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